

NEW DEVICE GREAT HELP IN BAKERY

OTTO BEIER INVENTS AUTOMATIC PROOF AND BREAD CONVEYOR MACHINE.

GREAT LABOR AND TIME SAVER

Has Applied for Patent and Will Interest Other Bakers in Installing Machines.

Otto Beier of this city has invented an automatic proofing and bread conveying machine at his bakery, corner of First street and Hennepin avenue. The machine is a great invention and is both a time and labor saving device. Mr. Beier has already applied at the U. S. patent office for a patent and when this is secured will endeavor to interest other bakers in installing his machine. Every person who has seen the device in operation, especially those familiar with bakery equipment, pronounce the machine a success.

In order to demonstrate to the reader the advantages of the new device it will be necessary to trace the work at the bakery from the beginning of the making of a loaf of bread until it is finally baked and ready for market.

In the first place flour, water and the other ingredients are placed in a machine where they are mixed automatically for twenty minutes. The dough is then taken out and placed in a receptacle where it is allowed to raise for about six hours. From there it is placed in a scaling machine. This machine is to divide the dough into the required weight of the loaf for market. This machine has a capacity of 450 loaves. At this point the bread enters the new automatic proofing and bread conveyor in its journey. The bread is placed in the conveyor and conveyed to the next machine, the moulder. The new device consists of an endless belt and there are 138 tin receptacles on the belt. The bread is placed in these receptacles after it leaves the dividing machine. It takes about seven minutes for the loaf to pass from the dividing machine to the moulding machine, which gives it time to raise in its journey. Mr. Beier has the machine so arranged as to turn out batches of 450 loaves each.

Since the installation of the new device it takes about 20 minutes to convey the entire batch of 450 loaves from the dividing and scaling machine to the moulding machine. Before this time it took 45 minutes. Under the new system it saves handling the bread twice. Before the advent of the new machine, after the loaf left the scaling machine it was placed on a tray and workmen carried the bread in this manner and placed it in the moulding machine. Now this is done automatically.

With the explanation of the mechanism of the new device, we now trace the history of the bread. After it goes through the moulding machine it is placed in bake tins where it is allowed to raise for 25 or 30 minutes. It is then placed in the large bake oven where it requires about 35 minutes to bake the bread. It is then ready for sale.

It takes about eight hours for the entire bread making operation.

With the exception of the new automatic proofing and bread carrying device, all of the machinery at Mr. Beier's bread plant was installed by the Triumph Manufacturing company of Cincinnati. Since the installation of the new device, Mr. Beier has commenced the manufacture of a style of bread known as the football bread which has proved to be a great seller.

In stating that the plant turns out 450 loaves of bread in a batch, it is not intended to convey the idea that this is a day's baking, as Mr. Beier turns out many times this amount daily.

ALDERMAN L. STEPHAN DIED THIS MORNING

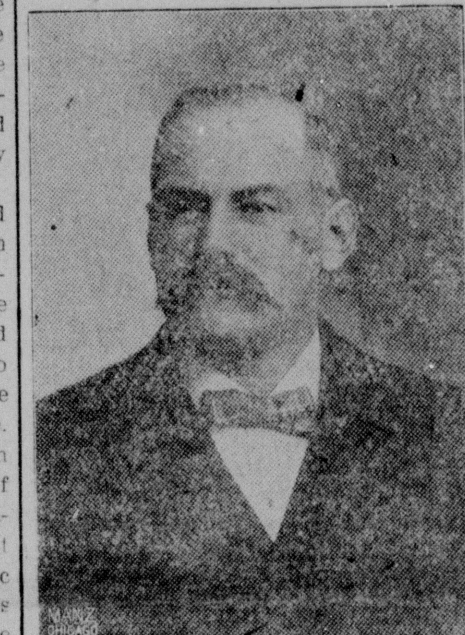
WELL KNOWN CITIZEN FOUGHT A HARD BATTLE AGAINST DEATH.

VALUABLE MEMBER OF COUNCIL

Funeral Will Occur Wednesday Afternoon—Member I. O. O. F. and Elks Lodge.

Louis Stephan, alderman of the Third ward, died at 9:15 o'clock this morning at his home on Depot avenue after an illness of seven months with a complication of diseases, during which time he was a patient sufferer and fought bravely, and although he had the best medical aid obtainable, death won the conflict.

Mr. Stephan was born May 29th, 1855, in Milwaukee, Wis., and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stephan. His father died when he was nine years old and he came to



ALDERMAN LOUIS STEPHAN.

Dixon June 10, 1875, to reside with his uncle, Louis Stephan.

On March 5, 1881, he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Fishbach of Franklin Grove. In 1884 he engaged in the retail liquor business in Dementown and conducted the business there until eighteen years ago, when he bought out his uncle on First street and formed a partnership with Grant Funk. Later the business was conducted under the style of Stephan & Aschenbrenner until discontinued two years ago.

Mr. Stephan was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for about twenty-nine years. When he completed twenty-five years as a member he was presented with a badge of honor. He was also a member of Dixon Lodge No. 779, B. P. O. E.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, Harry E. and Frank D. His mother, Mrs. Christina Patnoud, is also living in Dixon.

He was first elected alderman of the Third ward in April, 1904, when the city went under the new charter and has served continuously since that time, having no opposition at the polls after his first election. His business ability was recognized by both the mayor and his fellow aldermen and for the past several years he has been a member of the board of local improvements and of the finance committee, two of the most important positions in the council. As a member of the building committee in 1906 he devoted his entire time to supervising the erection of the new city hall, and that building will stand as a monument of well spent public funds and a credit to his faithful attention to public duty.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock at the late home, 513 Depot avenue, Wednesday afternoon and will be conducted by Theo. Drexel, pastor of the German Lutheran church. The service at Oakwood cemetery will be in charge of the Elks lodge. The pall bearers, men who served with him in the city council and other friends, will be Timothy Sullivan, John McIntyre, Blake Grover, Henry Schmidt, Wm. Beier and Clyde Smith.

Father Swanson of Fulton assisted Rev. Father Foley in the services at the Catholic church Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Dixon, who has been critically ill and who was very low yesterday, is reported much improved today.

TEACHERS HEAR VALUABLE TALKS

LECTURES AT SATURDAY'S INSTITUTE WERE FULL OF INSPIRATIONS.

MORALITY AND HUMANITY TAUGHT

Supt. Snyder, Dr. Cook and Prof. Fetterolf Offered New Ideas for Consideration.

The afternoon session of the teachers' institute was largely attended Saturday. From the opening number, a vocal duet, sung beautifully by Mesdames Read and Ballou, to the closing number, the singing of that patriotic song, Illinois, a close interest was manifested. The three lectures given at the afternoon session were, from an educational standpoint, as strong a series of lectures as were ever delivered before a local institute, because they dealt with problems of everyday school life.

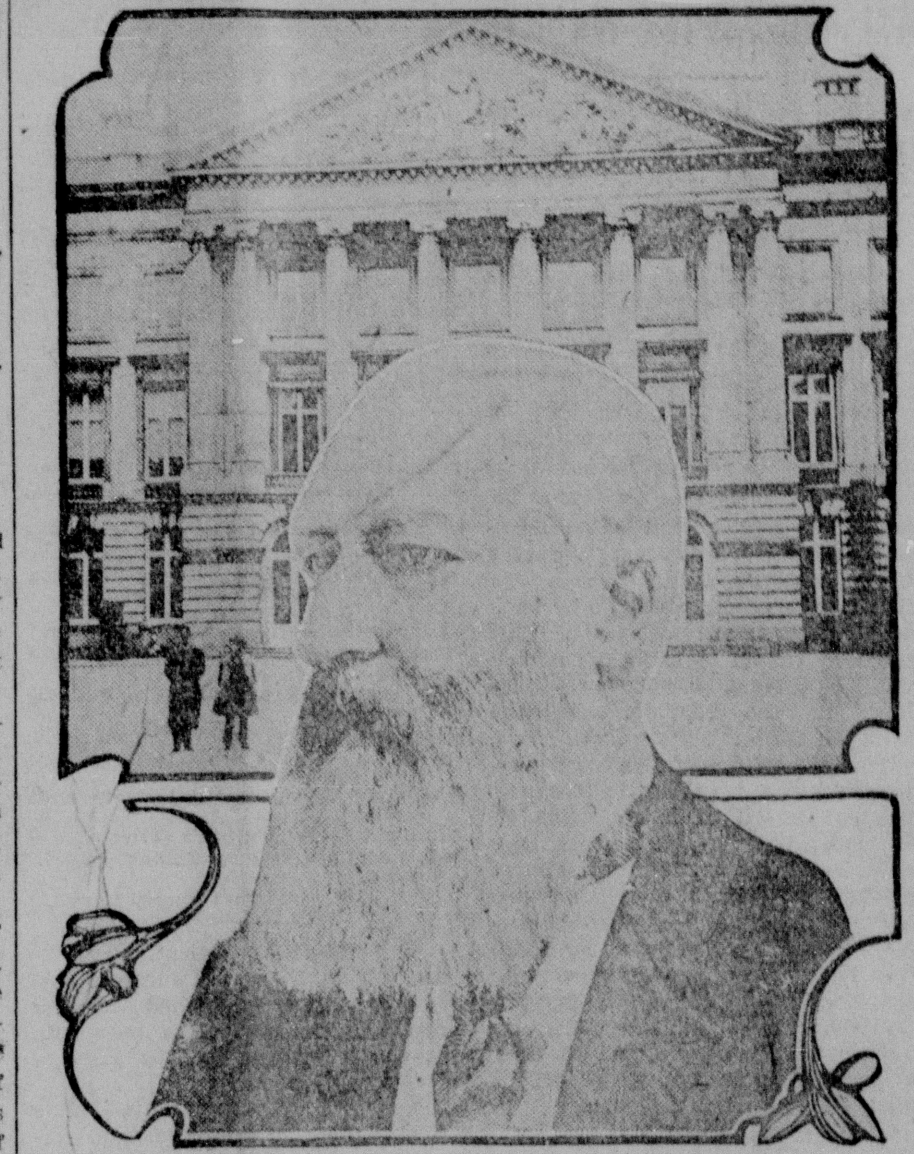
"Moral and Humane Education" was thoroughly discussed by Prof. W. R. Snyder, superintendent of the Dixon schools. He covered the subject thoroughly. He spoke of the law as enacted at the last session of the legislature, where one section is devoted entirely to the subject of moral and humane education. He stated that the legislature by installing this in the school law, placed its stamp of approval on the work which had been so successfully carried on by the teachers in the public schools for the last few decades. The law requires that the teacher spend half an hour each week instructing the pupils in moral and humane education. This could be done in various ways, such as reading Whittier's Snow Bound, and other works of this character. He recommended books for the various grades from which to study, some of which are used in many public schools of the city. He dwelt at length on the effect moral and humane teaching had upon the text books, especially the readers, for there had been a great improvement along these lines in the last couple of decades. He also told of the effect the teaching has on the people for today morality and the mode of living is reaching a much higher plane than in the days of ancient history.

"Some of the Teacher's Practical Problems" was the afternoon subject for discussion by Dr. John W. Cook. It was a continuation of the morning lecture. The professor stated that the teacher is the one who maps out the course and means of study for the pupil and in so doing he is confronted with several problems. To start with, in studying a book, he should have a fixed purpose in studying it, not merely for pastime. There must be a purpose in the study, some centralization of thought. The book, or period, centers around a principal character; thus the student will remember the revolutionary war by tracing the movements of Washington. We study Burgoyne's invasion and reason why he entered from the north instead of the south. We trace the movements of Major Andre to learn if possible what caused him to turn traitor. The lecturer also gave many very beautiful illustrations of various historical incidents. We study wild animals to learn their habits and no matter what we study in the way of books or incidents we must have a specific purpose in undertaking the work.

Prof. R. F. Fetterolf in discussing "Steps in Character Building" made an eloquent address. He stated that the pupil in early life moulds his character and that the teacher has as much to do in assisting in this process as the home. The teacher should instruct the pupil to read good books, and not trashy works, and that the pupil should form good associates, for these had much to do in raising or degrading the morals of a person; also that the teacher should follow the golden rule and set a good example for the pupil to follow. He spoke of the importance of home life in character building; there should be love and affection on the part of the parent for the child, and obedience and respect for the parent by the child.

Wm. Struckman has purchased the east part of tract 23 in Loveland Place, which adjoins his home.

KING LEOPOLD, WHO HAS PARALYSIS; ROYAL PALACE, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.



Despite reports of his physicians, who declare that Leopold II., the aged king of the Belgians, has no more serious ailment than rheumatism, cables from Brussels assert that he is suffering from acute paralysis and that his condition is serious. Several months ago it was reported that King Leopold's right arm was paralyzed. Now it is stated that the disease has extended to his left arm and his legs. Owing to his advanced age—he is seventy-four—it is not believed that he can recover. Leopold was born in Brussels on April 9, 1835, and ascended the Belgian throne as the successor of his father, Leopold I., on Dec. 10, 1835. He was married in 1835 to Marie Henriette, daughter of the late Archduke Joseph of Austria. The queen died in 1902 and is survived by three daughters, the Princesses Louise, Stephanie and Clementine. At his death King Leopold will be succeeded by his nephew, Prince Albert of Flanders.

CONTEST CLAIM HEARD BY JUDGE SCOTT

CLAIM IN M. S. WRIGHT ESTATE IS REPRESENTED BY A NOTE.

Judge Scott heard a contested claim in the M. S. Wright estate this morning. Ella Wright, a daughter, filed a claim presenting a note for \$500, bearing the date of 1893. About \$300 interest has accrued. Percy C. Wright, the administrator, also presented a claim. Attorney H. A. Brooks represented the objectors, and Attorneys Henry S. Dixon and Harry Warner the claimants. The case was continued until Dec. 18. Attorney John Crabtree was appointed a discreet person to represent the estate in the matter, since the administrator has a claim filed.

MEETINGS CONTINUE.

Revival meetings at the Church of the Brethren will continue until Wednesday night, and perhaps the rest of the week. The pastor spoke last night to a splendid audience on "The Unpardonable Sin."

CHARLES ZOPH DIES AT AGE OF EIGHTY-SEVEN

CAME FROM MENDOTA TO DIXON TO RESIDE SIX YEARS AGO.

Charles Zoph, an aged gentleman residing at the home of his son, at 111 Sixth street, passed into the great beyond about noon yesterday.

Mr. Zoph was born in Germany on the 22nd of August, 1822. He came to America in 1858 and settled in the town of Mendota, where he lived until six years ago when he came to Dixon to live with his son, Charles Zoph Jr.

The funeral will be held at the Zoph home Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Oakwood cemetery. Rev. Drexel will conduct the services.

Mrs. Bert Journey is very ill. She was taken to the hospital Saturday for treatment.

Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Moore were called to Paxton this morning on account of serious illness of the father of the latter.



MISS RILLA WEBSTER, Who Will Give Readings in the Stars of Equity Entertainment Tuesday Night.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE MERE MAN

ASSORTMENT OF USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL PRESENTS IS LARGE.

BUY FROM MAN IS GOOD RULE

Clothing, Furniture and Tobacco Stores Offer Excellent Suggestions.

What shall I buy for father, brother, friend or sweetheart, is the all absorbing question of the day and will be until Christmas. Fortunately the lady shopper has a large assortment from which to select this season. Never before have the stores had stocks so complete, or the assortment as large as this year and those who shop early will have a decided advantage.

Display windows at the stores give but a faint idea of what may be seen on the inside. For father or big brother or the gent's furnishing and clothing stores display large assortments of fancy articles that are dear to the heart of mere man. Handkerchiefs, mufflers, fancy vests, neckties or a box of hose as presents always delight the men on Christmas morning.

For the smoker, first learn the particular brand of cigars before purchasing, or if this is impossible ask a gentleman friend, Merchaum or bribe pipes make excellent presents and are to be purchased at any of the tobacco stores. Something for the home and particularly for father or big brother is to be found in one of those large cosy Morris or arm chairs. The display of these is exceptionally large this year and the range in prices brings them within the reach of all. Shaving stands are ornamental as well as useful and are well within the reach of the average pocketbook. But in buying a razor do not be attracted by a pretty handle and a marked down price. A high priced plain razor is the cheapest.

House or lounging slippers, smoking jackets or bath robes are also very acceptable presents for the male members of the household. Stick pins, watch fobs, lodge emblems and rings are easily selected and probably the most common of presents and are always sources of pleasure to the recipient.

For little brother the assortment is too numerous to mention. Skates, roller and ice, coasters, knives, watches or any of the thousand and one other presents to be found in the stores will make the average boy happy on Christmas morning. In buying a present for a boy first his inclinations should be taken into consideration. If he is an out doors boy buy him something that he may use out of doors, if he is the other sort, books or games will please him.

And most important of all, do it now.

STARS OF EQUITY WILL GIVE AN ENTERTAINMENT

MISS RILLA WEBSTER, TO APPEAR IN READINGS TUESDAY EVENING.

The Stars of Equity will have an entertainment Tuesday evening at Macabec hall which promises to be of considerable interest. Miss Rilla Webster will give a number of readings and will be assisted in the program by talent from the order. The readings which Miss Webster will give are: "Pa's Specs," "The Hero Woman," "A Telephone Conversation," "The Toy Balloon" and "The Social Whirl," the latter comprising eight character impersonations.

FINED \$200 FOR SLANDERING GIRL

In the circuit court at Mt. Carroll Stephen Hanna was found guilty of slandering a school teacher, Miss Mollie Brath, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200. Hanna, it is claimed, said the girl had acted indiscreetly with some of the boys of her school, with the result that she lost her position, as well as the respect of the people. Hanna will appeal the case.

WILL CONDUCT BUSINESS.

Mrs. Stanley Baker will conduct the cleaning and dyeing business while Mr. Baker is away for a short time.

FOUGHT ASSAILANT IN WOMAN'S DEFENSE

BLOODY BATTLE WAGED BY TWO MEN EAST OF THIS CITY.

STRUGGLED AT DEAD OF NIGHT

Hatchet Was Used—Woman Had Her Assailant Arrested This Morning.

Mrs. Anna Laloui, keeper of the boarding house on the River road, was brutally assaulted by George Tapuran, a Roumanian, at her sleeping apartments about 1 o'clock this morning.

According to the story told by the woman, who is unable to speak English, he kicked her and choked her. The woman fought him and her cries attracted the attention of one of the boarders, Nick Cutean, who came to her rescue. The two men then engaged in a bloody combat. A hatchet was used in the mixup and Sheriff Tourtellott has the hatchet in his possession as an evidence against the assailant. Cutean has marks on his arms as the result of the fight. Three windows were broken out and from appearances there was a bad mixup. A call was sent to Sheriff Tourtellott at daylight and he hurried to the scene. After investigating the matter Tapuran and Cutean were placed in the county jail.

This afternoon the woman swore out a warrant against Tapuran, charging him with assault with intent to commit a crime, before Justice Hanneken and they are having the trial in that court this afternoon. The woman also bears marks of the assault.

TAFT NAMES CARPENTER TO SUCCEED JUDGE BETHEA

JUDGE LURTON OF TENNESSEE APPOINTED TO SUPREME BENCH.

Washington, Dec. 13—Special—President Taft today nominated Judge Horace Harmon Lurton of Tennessee to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, and George A. Carpenter of Chicago as United States district judge for the northern district of Illinois, to succeed Judge Solomon H. Bethes, deceased.

SHOE FACTORY TO CLOSE SOON FOR INVENTORY

The Watson Plummer Shoe company is making preparations for their inventory of stock, which will take place shortly after Christmas. The cutting room employees are now finishing their work in preparation for the inventory and will have their room cleaned up this week. It will require a couple of weeks for the other rooms to clean up their work. Work will be suspended in the various rooms when the taking of the inventory commences. The inventory is always made at this time of the year. As far as the business goes, the factory has a large amount of work on hand.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Dixon.
Latitude, 41 deg., 48 min. N.
Longitude, 89 deg., 27 min. W.
795 feet above sea level
Above data furnished by H. R. Spafford, assistant chief engineer of the Illinois Central Railroad Co.
The following report of high and low temperatures and precipitation are taken at 7 o'clock each morning and are for the preceding 24 hours.

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Sunday	52	39	1.74
Monday	40	14	
Tuesday	24	9	
Wednesday	24	9	
Thursday	11	2	

Chicago, Dec. 13—Rain or snow today; somewhat colder tomorrow; tomorrow fair; moderate to brisk and variable winds.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace G. Reynolds and daughter, Miss Lucile, returned from Minneapolis Saturday.

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2-lb can Choice Corn at.....	7c
3-lb can Choice Tomatoes at.....	7c
2 1-2-lb can Yellow California Sliced Peaches at.....	15c
1-lb Seeded Raisins.....	7c
1 lb 4-Crown Loose Muscatel Raisins.....	7c
8 lbs Choice Bulk Oat Meal.....	25c
1 lb or More Whole Rice, per lb.....	27c
6 lbs new Navy Beans.....	27c
18 lbs H. & E. Sugar.....	\$1.00

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SPECIAL SESSION WEEK IS AT HAND

Deneen, It Is Said, Will Urge Quick Waterway Action.

REAL GRIND AFTER HOLIDAYS

Some Uncertainty as to Just How the Factions of the Two Parties Are Going to Line Up—Hull, One of the Governor's Lieutenants, Has Been Around With a Sounding Line. Democrats Talk of Presenting a Solid Front.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 12.—The wheels of legislation will not begin to grind here until after Jan. 1, and the most important concerted action of house and senate after assembling in special session in response to Governor Deneen's call probably will be the adoption of resolutions declaring a recess until after the holidays.

This is the prediction made by leaders in the general assembly. This week they expect to be in Springfield for two or three days, but they will be filling up the hoppers, otherwise known as the committees, with bills, studying the governor's message carefully and sizing up the situation.

Alignments will be changed considerably from what they were in the long regular session, and where for almost six years there has been war between the Deneen and Lorimer-Shurtliff factions, there is every prospect for peace now. There will be a contest over the enactment of a direct plurality primary law, but if they are together on the deep waterway question, as they are expected to be, the bitterness of former struggles will be gone.

Hull Takes Soundings.

In the senate United States Senator Lorimer is expected to hold the balance of power between the new organization, headed by Senator Walter Clyde Jones, and the old organization, headed by Senator Corbus P. Gardner.

One of the first omens of peace was noted in the action of Morton D. Hull, chairman of the Republican caucus in the house, and a Deneen leader. Hull got into communication not only with the "fifty-five" who tried to overthrow Speaker Shurtliff last winter, as to the advisability of holding a general legislative conference, but also with the Shurtliff Republicans who bolted the caucus of January, 1909. Hull explained to both factions that he was not urging either a conference or a caucus, but that he wished to learn the general sentiment.

The Legislative Voters' league has chosen an active field secretary as the first step in entering the lists for another direct plurality law. S. R. Osborne will succeed to the armor doffed by Paul V. Perry at the close of the primary campaign of 1908, in which the league put many leaders in the old senate combine to rout.

Overtures on the part of close friends of Edward J. King of Galesburg, who was defeated for the speakership by Shurtliff last winter, have been made to Chicago Democrats in an effort to secure the speaker's overthrow during the special session and the elevation of King to the chair. Anton Cermak, who was one of the Democrats approached while on his visit to Cherry, Ill., told King's friends they had no reason to hope for success. The Democrats, he said, would stand pat.

Representatives Thomas O'Brien, Walter Lantz and others declare their intention of aiding Governor Deneen as against Senator Lorimer in legislative alignments, in case the governor and senator again divide.

For a United Democracy.

A movement is on foot to unite all of the Democrats in the general assembly and to adopt a plan of action independent of the views of differing Republican captains.

Leaders expressed the opinion that the minority had been so shot to pieces by the breaking of party ranks to participate in the election of a Republican speaker and of a Republican United States senator that the Democracy had been put in jeopardy all over the state, and the resumption of a solid front would be necessary if any success is to be hoped for at the polls next November.

Representatives Anton J. Cermak, John J. McLaughlin, John C. Werdell and Robert E. Wilson of Chicago were credited with leading the movement among the members, but the guiding hand under the surface was said to be that of National Committeeman Roger C. Sullivan.

It is said that Governor Deneen in his message will favor action that will mean going ahead with an Illinois waterway without waiting for steps by the federal government.

FIRST WOMAN IN CHICAGO

Mrs. Harriet Sayre Is Celebrating Ninetieth Anniversary of Birth.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Harriet E. Sayre, who three years ago received a medal for being Chicago's oldest woman settler, is celebrating her ninety-ninth birthday today.

Mrs. Sayre went to what is now Cragin, Ill., from Malone, N. Y., seventy-five years ago, and a few years later with her husband purchased a farm at Mont Clare, now a suburb on the northwest side, and there she still lives.

The Scrap Book

An Embarrassing Blunder.

Toward the close of a lawsuit in Massachusetts the wife of an eminent professor arose and with a flaming face timidly addressed the court.

"Your honor," said she, "if I told you I had made an error in my testimony would it vitiate all I have said?"

Instantly the lawyers for each side stirred themselves in excitement, while his honor gravely regarded her.

"Well, madam," said the court after a pause, "that depends entirely on the nature of your error. What was it, please?"

"Why, you see," answered the lady, more and more red and embarrassed, "I told the clerk I was thirty-eight. I was so flustered, you know, that when he asked my age I inadvertently gave him my bust measurement."—Everybody's.

Life's Compensations.

Why should we ever weary of this life? Our souls should widen ever, not contract.

Grow stronger and not harder in the strife, Filling each moment with a noble act.

Doing our duty to our fellow men, And striving rather to exalt our race.

Than our poor selves, with earnest hand or pen, We shall erect our names a dwelling place.

Which not all ages shall cast down again, Offspring of time shall then be born each hour.

Which, as of old, earth lovingly shall guard, To live forever in youth's perfect flower.

And guide her future children heavenward.

—James Russell Lowell.

The First Patient.

An eminent New York surgeon, now very wealthy and the envied possessor of a large practice, often tells with glee of an incident of his younger days.

When he first hung out his shingle and started in to win fame and fortune things looked pretty gloomy. Six whole weeks he sat in his modest little office without a call from a single patient, and his first fee seemed a long way off.

At last, one night, there came a ring at the office bell. The servant flew to the door. The doctor could not make up his mind whether he would rather be called to a good chronic patient or to some sensational accident to a well known citizen. He opened the door of the consulting room as calmly as he could and saw a young man there.

"Excuse me, doctor," the young man said. "I wished to know if I could arrange to collect your bad debts on commission."

Her Aim.

Two men who had apparently been doing the town and not missing any of the places where liquids were dispensed were unsteadily ambling homeward at an early hour after being out nearly all night.

"Don't your wife miss you on these occasions?" asked one.

"Not often," replied the other. "She throws pretty straight."

One Way of Doing Business.

Billy Emerson, the minstrel, took a company of black face artists to Australia in the old days and had hard luck. On the way back he landed at Shanghai and gave a show.

Emerson saw there was a good house. "Doing pretty well," he said to the box office man.

"Fine," that official replied. "We've got in \$100 in money and \$1,400 in chits."

"In what?" gasped Emerson.

"In chits."

"What are chits?"

"Why, promises to pay. Everybody uses chits here. Give a chit and settle at the end of the month."

"Do you mean to tell me that you have let \$1,400 worth of seats go for them chits, as you call them?"

"Sure! Why not?"

"And those people just signed their names and didn't pay cash?"

"Certainly."

"Heavens! What a business I could do that way in the States!" groaned Emerson.—Saturday Evening Post.

No Prayer Needed.

The story is told of the Rev. James Patterson of Philadelphia that he once declared in a circle of his brethren he thought ministers ought to be humble and poor, like their Master. "I have often prayed," said he, "that I might be kept humble. I never prayed that I might be poor. I could trust my church for that!"

An Anecdote of Macready.

One of the most amusing anecdotes of Macready's petulance of temper relates to a revival of "Henry VIII." under the management of Maddox at the Princess' theater, in London. The part of Cardinal Campeius was assigned to a brother of Mr. George Augustus Sala, whose stage name was Wynn, for whom Macready had an inveterate dislike. The tragedian had implored the manager to see that Campeius was furnished with a costume which should not seem entirely ridiculous beside the splendid robes he himself wore as Wolsey, but Maddox, of course, disregarded the injunction.

At the dress rehearsal Macready, enthroned in a chair of state, had the various characters to pass before him. He bore all calmly until, clad in scarlet robes bordered by silver tissue paper and wearing an enormous red hat, Wynn approached. Then, clutching both arms of his chair and closing his eyes, the great tragedian gasped out, "Mother Shipton, by heaven!"

CHRISTMAS AND THE WHITE GOOSE

By ELLA M. PLATT.

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THE little boy and the little girl sat at the breakfast table eating oatmeal and milk.

Their papa said to their mamma: "A Christmas goose is the best thing there is. This year we must have a Christmas goose."

The little girl looked up at the little boy and smiled, and the little boy smiled back.

After breakfast the little girl and the little boy put on their caps and coats and started off for the barnyard.

They met a big, old, fat duck.

"Are you the Christmas goose?" asked the little girl.

The big, old, fat duck shook her head.

They met a big, old, fat hen.

"Are you the Christmas goose?" asked the little boy.

But the big, old, fat hen shook her head.

They met a big, old, fat white goose.

"Are you the Christmas goose?" asked the little girl.

And the big, old, fat white goose nodded her head and fluffed her feathers and stepped proudly with her flat, yellow, webbed feet.

"Oh, goody!" shouted the little boy. "We've found our Christmas goose already."

"Oh, oh, oh! I know something," said the little girl, and she ran to the house just as fast as she could go.

And when she came back she had a lovely little holly wreath tied with beautiful long red and green ribbons.

They put the wreath over the head of the Christmas goose, and each held one of the ribbons. The Christmas goose waddled along proudly.

The guinea hens pipped, the ducks quacked and the hens clucked when they saw this fine sight.

The little boy and the little girl led and drove the proud Christmas goose out of the barnyard to the green grove where all the little Christmas trees grow.

"We must have a Christmas tree for our Christmas goose," said the little girl.

"Yes, yes, Christmas goose," said the little boy, "you wait right here for us. Don't you miss your holly wreath, and don't you miss your ribbons?"

The proud Christmas goose waddled gently to show how careful she would be. The little boy and the little girl ran away fast to get the things for the Christmas tree.

The little girl brought back some ears of red and yellow corn and a bunch of wheat and barley heads and a pocketful of oats.

The little boy brought back two cabbages and a yellow pumpkin and some grain. The Christmas goose became so excited when she saw these things that she waddled too fast.

"Wait a minute, Christmas goose!" cried the little boy, and he placed his things on the ground near the tree.

"It isn't quite time, Christmas goose," cried the little girl, and she fastened her things on the tree.

"Now, Christmas goose," said the little girl, "we will go and invite all our friends to come and see our beautiful tree."

So the little girl picked up her ribbon, and the little boy picked up his ribbon, and they led and drove the Christmas goose back to the barnyard. But it was hard work, for the Christmas goose wanted to turn her head all the time to look at the Christmas tree.

At the barnyard all the chickens and all the ducks and all the guinea hens stood still to admire the fine Christmas goose in her holly wreath and ribbons.

"Oh, chickens!" said the little boy. "Oh, ducks!" said the little girl. "Oh, guinea hens!" said the little boy. "Come, see our Christmas tree!" said the little girl.

The chickens clucked, and the ducks quacked, and the guinea hens pipped, and they all spread themselves out in a long row and ran around and around

and around after the little girl and the little boy driving their Christmas goose. The little boy and the little girl scattered corn and wheat and oats all over the ground around their Christmas tree. The chickens and the ducks and the guinea hens ate and ate and ate. The Christmas goose ate, too, but she ate very proudly and



THE BEST FUN OF ALL.

raised her head every few minutes to shake her holly wreath.

Papa and mamma came out to see them.

"Heigh-ho! What's this?" said papa. "Mercy! What's all this?" said mamma.

"This is the Christmas goose!" shouted the little boy.

"And the Christmas goose's Christmas tree?" said the little girl.

"And the Christmas goose's friends?" said the little boy.

"Yes, and it is quite true, papa," said the little girl. "A Christmas goose is the best thing there is! Why, a Christmas goose is just lots of fun!"

"Yes, mamma," said the little boy. "A Christmas goose is the best fun of all."

Two Hundred Per Cent Loss.

He was no college bred business man. He was just the other kind. In the course of his commercial ventures he was induced by an acquaintance to become a partner in the grain and feed line. After about a year of it the firm went to pieces, leaving him with the bag to hold. A college friend met him shortly after the collapse and was asking about it.

"What per cent of the loss fell on you?" inquired the friend, who didn't know the particulars.

"Two hundred," he responded promptly.

"Two hundred?" exclaimed the friend. "Why, man, there can't be more than a hundred per cent loss."

"Come off," he countered. "There was two of us. He lost a hundred and I lost a hundred. Don't that make 200?"

"Of course not. Your loss is only 100 per cent."

"Yes, but say," he explained, "I had to settle for it all."

"Oh," said the friend.—New York Press.

Masquerading in the Past.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries Venice set the fashion in all matters of amusement and was a sort of combination of our Monte Carlo and Paris. Throughout the eighteenth century the Venetians were seized with a perfect mania for masquerading and gambling. Paris and London followed suit, and the two most popular amusements, both public and private, were masquerades and gambling saloons. People not only wore their masks or visors at balls, but in the mall and the parks and the theaters. At length matters got to such a pass that when a police raid was made on a certain low dancing place in Soho and an order was given for every one to unmask what was the amazement of the police to find that at least a third of the company consisted of ladies and gentlemen of the highest aristocracy, some of whom had even brought their daughters.—London Saturday Review.

The Judges' Ride.

Customs change slowly with the lawyers, but the procession through the streets at the reopening of the law courts was not always the casual affair it now is. Until the middle of the sixteenth century the "judges' ride" to Westminster hall was quite an imposing spectacle, all the legal dignitaries being mounted on mules, like bishops and abbots on a pilgrimage. Mules presently gave place to horses, which in turn were abandoned for coaches. The last procession on horseback took place in the time of Charles II. and was then regarded as an interesting revival. It was not greatly appreciated, however, by the judges themselves, who found their efforts to remain in the saddle far from conducive to a dignified appearance, and before the journey's end one of their number, Lord Twissdon, had the misfortune to be thrown in the mud.—Westminster Gazette.

A New Excuse.

One of the men in a large pottery took two or three days' holiday now and again, and when he came back, on being asked what was wrong, he said he had been away burying his grandmother.

He did this two or three times, and then he thought he had better change his excuse, so, on being asked the next time, he replied:

"Well, my brother, the sailor, is at home just now, and he is so used to the sound of the waves that I had to lash raindrops of water on the window all night before he could sleep, and then I had to sleep during the day."—London Mail.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S FINAL NOTICE.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that on December 20th, 1909, he will present to the County Court of Lee County, Illinois, his final report as administrator of the estate of Sarah Ellen Benjamin, deceased, and will at that time ask said court for a final discharge as such administrator.

Dated this 4th day of December, A. D. 1909.

A. CLINTON WARNER,
Administrator.

To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the stockholders of LaSalle City Brewing Company, a corporation, will be held at the office of said corporation at 707 Jackson Avenue, in the city of Dixon, Illinois, on January 17th, 1910, at one o'clock p. m. for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following questions:

First, Changing the place of business of said corporation from the City of LaSalle to the City of Dixon.

Second, Changing the name of said corporation from LaSalle City Brewing Company to Dixon Brewing Company.

And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

GEORGE SCHORR.

GEORGE STEPHENICH.

W. C. FLANAGAN.

A Majority of the Directors of Said Corporation.

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CHRISTMAS TRADE BOOMS.

The cold weather of the past week has given the people a good tip that the holidays are near at hand, and has likewise increased the business of the merchants. Christmas is now less than two weeks away and every day sees more shoppers on the business streets and in the stores doing their holiday shopping.

Clothing stores especially feel the advantage of the cold weather, and overcoats and heavier clothing are being sold in large quantities. Those who delayed purchasing their winter clothing on account of the mild November were driven to the clothing stores by the severe cold snap of last week, and the storm which followed sent the tardy shoppers to the shoe stores also, the result being a decided stimulation in trade. Dixon is an ideal shopping point for a large territory. The absence of saloons makes the business streets attractive to the women, who come from all the surrounding towns to trade in a clean city where the stores are full of choice goods at reasonable prices and exceptional values in all Christmas goods and winter goods, which the delay of cold weather held in stock.

The merchants are pleased that the people have adopted the policy of shopping early, and those who generally wait until the last few days to do their shopping will find the choicest bargains picked up if they do not buy now. Beginning with today nearly all of the business houses of Dixon will be open every evening of the week until Christmas.

SEEKS CONGRESSIONAL HONOR

It is being rumored in some circles that Mayor Rawleigh of Freeport, will be a candidate against Col. F. O. Lowden for congress. That is about all it would amount to, a candidacy. We were talking with a number of Freeport gentlemen and while none of them will be sponsor for the Rawleigh candidacy yet they said the Freeport postmastership appointment will cut a large figure so far as the Rawleigh sentiment is concerned. If General Atkins is appointed there will be blood on the face of the moon in certain quarters and Rawleigh will be a candidate. From what we could gather the appointment of either of the other three candidates would be satisfactory, although the under current seemed to be in favor of Dr. Fair. It seems to be "anything to beat Atkins," and it is a fight to the finish. It puts Lowden in a hard place, although the Freeporters do not think so, as they say Atkins has had the position for so long he thinks he owns the postoffice, building and all, and they do not believe in giving a life lease to anybody in office. So far Mr. Rawleigh's threat to become a candidate for congress is concerned we take it as a joke, for we do not believe he has the slightest idea he could win over Congressman Lowden. If Mr. Rawleigh desires to work up in politics, we advise him to commence by being a candidate to the state legislature, and not attempt to jump from mayor to congress, for there are other people in this district besides those who made him mayor of Freeport, who vote at a congressional election. Our advice has not been sought, but it is given voluntarily for what it is worth. Lowden has made us as good a congressman as we ever had and he will succeed himself, and ought to do so without opposition, no matter how the Freeport postoffice matter, which concerns comparatively few voters in the district, is decided.—Mt. Carroll Democrat.

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE ON ANTI-SUFFRAGE LITERATURE.

(Emporia Gazette.)
The Gazette has received a large bundle of literature from the Illinois Association Opposed to the Extension of Suffrage to Women. It is doubtful whether the sporting editor will be able to read these pamphlets carefully this fall, as the office has lately been deluged with books, pamphlets, brochures and tracts to such an extent that a man might read night and day for a year and not get half way through. The literature from

the Brewers' association alone keeps the janitor busy carrying waste baskets into the basement. Then there are valuable reports from the officials at Washington, and extracts from the Congressional Record, and catalogues from mail order houses, and rafts of other stuff; and so it seems improbable that the Gazette will be able to do full justice to the Illinois association with the voluminous name for many moons.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS
PAST AND PROSPECTIVE

Glee Club Meets.

The Happy Songsters Glee club will meet tonight at the Lutheran church at 7:15.

Invincibles Meet.

The Invincibles will meet tonight at the home of Miss Grace Martin.

Shadow Social.

There will be a shadow social at the Cook school, four and a half miles from Dixon, in Nelson township, Friday evening, December 17th.

Spielmeier Club.

The Spielmeier club will meet this evening with Mrs. Robert Sterling at her home on East First street.

Nurses who are in need of record sheets will find them at this office.

Maccabee Election.

The regular meeting of the Maccabees will be held this evening, at which time the election of officers will be held, followed by the annual smoker. Every member should be present.

Phidian Art Club.

The Phidian Art club will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. C. Parsons. Mrs. E. M. Goodsell, willing and Miss Gracia Rogers will give an instrumental number. The subject for the afternoon is "Delft Ware," to be presented by Mrs. C. C. Hunt. Ladies having specimens of this ware are asked to bring them for the afternoon.

Basket Social.

The Bend school will hold a basket social Friday evening, Dec. 17. A good program has been arranged and there will be a good time for all. Ladies please bring baskets. Dora I. Greed, teacher.

Woman's Club.

The members of the club who braved the storm on Saturday were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. L. W. Newcomer. After the usual business the club enjoyed two piano numbers by Mrs. Newcomer, a fine paper "The Christ Child in Art" an exceedingly interesting paper was given by Mrs. Joseph Petersberger on "Christmas in Other Countries." Dainty refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

Queen Esther Circle.

On account of the absence of Mrs. Moore, the Queen Esther Circle will meet with Mrs. O. B. Anderson this evening at her home, 402 North Geneva avenue.

Knights of Columbus.

There will be a regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus this evening. An election of officers will take place and all members are requested to be present.

Social Session Postponed.

On account of the death of Alderman Louis Stephan the Elks will omit the social session they had intended to have at the close of their regular meeting tonight.

Entertained Saturday.

Mrs. H. M. Wright and daughter, Mrs. Rhea, entertained with cards Saturday evening and a delightful time was spent.

FINED FIVE AND COSTS FOR ASSAULT

Roy Helrich was fined \$5 and costs before Justice John Crabtree on Saturday evening. The charge was preferred by Bert Wallace, whom the defendant assaulted in front of the Union State bank late Saturday afternoon. The defendant was arrested by Sheriff Tourtellott.

CALLED TO FREEPORT

C. D. Anderson, manager of the C. P. Herrick board of trade exchange in this city, was called to Freeport on account of the critical illness of his mother. During his absence Howard Tice of Rockville and Carl Burg will have charge of the business.

FOOTBALL SEASON AT DIXON COLLEGE CLOSES

SQUAD CELEBRATED OCCASION WITH A BANQUET AND PROGRAM.

The football season at Dixon college came to a close Friday night with a banquet given to the members of the squad at Tippet's dining parlors.

The season was not as successful as it might have been, owing to the injuries to many of the players and the inability of the team to get in form.

Bowling at the opera house alleys was a feature of the evening's entertainment. Two teams were chosen, one under the leadership of Tippet and the other led by Gannon. At the end of the third game the Scrubs won by 118 points. At 11:30 they sat down to an elaborate banquet at Tippet's restaurant where all the players did ample justice to the excellently prepared meal which awaited them.

James Souden of Shamokin, Pa., who played fullback this year, was unanimously elected captain for 1910.

The following program was then rendered:
Toastmaster—Martin Gannon Jr.
Opening Yell—D. B. C., by Squad.
Our Players—Prof. Goodall.
Song—Who Stole the Lock—Squad
Reading—Lloyd Harrington
Duet—Nett and Elliott.
Cornet Solo—Frank Friend.
Song—We Are the Boys That Play Football—Squad.

Reading—Worthy Matthews.
Duet—Diebler and Wilson.
Reading—James Keenan.
Duet—Prof. Griffith and Harvey.
Reading—S. A. Trendt.
Duet—Foley and Friend.
Comedian Stunt—Jim Souden.
Our Season—Coach Tippet.
Address—A. C. Handell.
Who Wrote the Article—W. E. Busch.

Vocal Solo—Chas. Goodall.
Address—J. E. Brown.
A Few Remarks—Capt. Diebler.
Special Music—L. P. Harvey.
Presentation of D's, by Prof. Goodall.
Closing Song—Good Night, My Sweet—By Squad.

CASES SET FOR NEXT WEEK IN COUNTY COURT

VENUE OF FIFTEEN JURYMEN CALLED TO REPORT ON NEXT MONDAY.

Judge R. H. Scott convened county court at 1:30 this afternoon. The docket was called and four or five of the appeal cases were set for trial and will be heard next week. The court ordered that a venire of 15 jurymen be selected and report for duty next Monday at 10 o'clock. Court then adjourned until Friday.

KNOCKERS KLUB WILL SEE OLD YEAR OUT

PLANS ENTERTAINMENT FOR NEW YEARS EVE AT THE Y. M. C. A.

The Knockers Klub will hold open house at the Y. M. C. A. on New Years eve. Six members of the club will give an illustrated lecture on the life of Christ, each one taking a share of the subject. The lecture will start at 8 o'clock. At 9 o'clock there will be a basketball game between two of the Y. M. C. A. teams, after which a short program will be held. From then until 12 o'clock there will be a marshmallow roast in front of the large fireplace in the reading room, followed by a fitting celebration as the old year vacates for the new.

Geo. Ivan, Ed Honey and Harold Heckman have charge of the proceedings. An admission of ten cents will be charged to defray the cost of the colored slides for the lecture.

THE B. G. M. CLUB ENJOYED TRIP

About 75 of the B. G. M. club of the Y. M. C. A. went to Sterling yesterday on the 1 o'clock car. The Dixon boys had charge of the meeting at the Y. there yesterday. Floyd Chapman and Fred Heckman had charge of the music. Secretary W. T. Lackland of the Dixon association did the speaking. The Sterling association surprised the Dixon people with a Jubilee Male quartet from the Redpath Lyceum bureau, Chicago, who gave two very beautiful selections.

Miss Blanche Freeland of DeKalb spent Sunday in Dixon with her mother, Mrs. Freeland.

Frank Remmers of Forrester visited in Dixon today.

Dramatic Notes

Star Theatre.

Q. Antenore, one of the miners of the Cherry mine disaster, has been at the Star theatre for the past few days telling of his experience, and it is most interesting to hear him. He speaks in broken English, yet chooses his words well and is plainly understood. One gets an entirely different view of this terrible calamity when heard from the lips of one who suffered its trials.

Mortimer sisters gave a clever song and dance act Saturday night and the Irish comedian, Paddy Shea, also held the boards. The pictures were good.

Opera House.

The pictures and vaudeville at the opera house Saturday were excellent. Kathleen Rooney has a beautiful contralto voice and her first number was one of the sweetest heard in a long time.

The comedy acrobats, Hickey Bros., are certainly fine. They are A No. 1 acrobats and in the fullest sense of the word comedians. Their stunt, the mind reading medium, is hard to beat.

WHITNEY OPERA HOUSE.

Farce of the pure food brand with electric trimmings of music and pretty girls is making things merry in these near Christmas days at the cozy Whitney opera house, Chicago. The new farce, They Loved a Lassie, is a running fire of droll situations and the action is constantly popping with laughter and musical incidents. The song numbers are of the tuneful kind and are interpreted by a remarkably good looking and fine acting bunch of girls.

The company, headed by Chas. E. Evans, Alice York and Forest Huff is of the usual Whitney standard, and that means an individual excellence which compels interest and multiplies pleasure. The mood of business has declared in favor of They Loved a Lassie, to a degree that insures a long run.

The Good-bye People, Banshee and Silvery Moon songs are set to tunes that will bring them immense popularity.

STREETS BURIED IN MANTLE OF SNOW

CITIZENS KEPT BUSY IN EFFORT TO KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAR.

HAS BEEN FALLING THREE DAYS

Heaviest Snow in Years in This Locality—Interferes With Traffic.

The heaviest snow in this section in years has been falling for the past three days. The snow has been mixed with sleet and rain which in some sections has greatly interfered with telephone and telegraph service and also with street car and railroad traffic. So far but little trouble has been experienced in Dixon and vicinity with telephone and telegraph service. The Sterling, Dixon and Eastern Electric Railway company have been able to keep their cars running almost on schedule time. They have been using snow plows, shovels and salt to keep the tracks clear. This morning the first car out of the barns at Sterling was derailed, interfering for a couple of hours with the interurban service. There is an average of between seven and eight inches of snowfall in this locality and a large number of people are enjoying their first sleigh ride of the season. It has kept the people in the business and residence district busy keeping their sidewalks clear the last couple of days.

BIDS ARE RECEIVED FOR SEWER CONSTRUCTION

BOARD OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT CONSIDERING BIDS TODAY.

The Board of Local Improvements met at the office of City Clerk Grover at 2 p. m. today for the purpose of considering the bids under the local improvement ordinances Nos. 113, 114 and 116, which provide for the construction of sewers. The bids received were those of Contractors Rink and Schnell and Duffy and Hubbard and Devine.

Name cards with an embossed spray of holly to enclose with your Christmas gifts, at this office. 20 for 10 cents.

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Our Holiday Furs cannot fail to please.

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DEMENT TOWN DOINGS

The trains are running late, due to snow shovels yesterday and today.

The residents were busy with the snow shovels yesterday and today. County Treasurer John Sterling and son Robert went to the city this morning.

Harry Quick returned from Sterling on the passenger this morning.

Dr. Finney went to Peoria this morning.

Fred Hueter went east this morning.

Senator B. F. Downing went to Springfield via Chicago this morning.

O. H. Martin went east this morning.

The druggist had a little exercise in shoveling off the walks downtown this morning before he arrived on the avenue.

LITTLE AD. DID IT.

Our fellow citizen, Mr. A. E. Simonson, advertised a sleigh for sale in the Telegraph and says that one-half hour after the paper was out he sold the sleigh. It certainly pays to advertise in the Telegraph.

Beautiful holly wrapping paper at this office.

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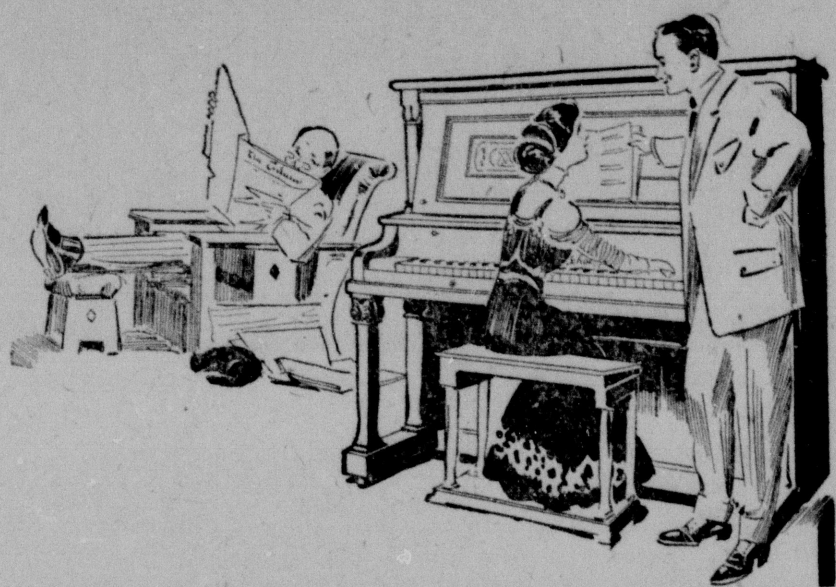
Gents' Ladies' and Misses' Hemstitched, in Handworked Initial---very large assortment to sell at 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1, up to \$3 ea

New and very elaborate line fancy colors in Ladies' Hosiery, advance Spring styles, put up 3 in a box for Xmas---to sell at 50c pair.

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DISPLAY WAS ATTRACTIVE FEATURE OF THE HARMON INSTITUTE.

MEET IN SUBLETTE NEXT YEAR.

Old Officers Are Re-Elected—Attendance Hurt by Bad Weather But Program Good.

At the closing session of the Lee County Farmers' Institute in Harmon Friday it was voted to hold the next meeting at Sublette. The old officers in nearly every case were re-elected, the list for the coming year being:

President—Abram Ackert.
Vice President—J. P. Taeliss.
Secretary and Treasurer—Milton Crawford.

Executive Committee—J. P. Malach, Sublette; James Buckley, May; W. Wolcott, Amboy.

The Awards.

The awards of premiums for the exhibits this year were made as follows:

Yellow Corn.

Carl Eckert, \$5; E. Janson, \$3.

White Corn.

T. W. Leake, \$5.

Winter Wheat.

Walter Biddle, \$3.

White Oats.

C. Harrison, \$3; John May, \$2; H. Sheitz, \$1.

Black Oats.

Walter Biddle, \$3; H. Sweitzer, \$2; T. W. McDermott, \$1.

Yellow Oats.

J. L. Porter, \$3; W. F. Wolcott, \$2; D. C. Hardin, \$1.

Early Potatoes.

W. F. Wolcott, \$2; G. W. Saum, \$1.

Late Potatoes.

John May, \$2; E. Janson, \$1; C. P. Ross, 50c.

Squash.

A. Ackert, \$1.

Cabbage.

W. F. Wolcott, \$1.

Beets.

J. F. Johnson, \$1; C. P. Ross, 50c.

Display of Vegetables.

W. F. Wolcott, \$2; G. Saum, \$1.

Butter.

G. Saum, \$5; John Kuehnle, \$3; Mrs. C. F. Ankeny, \$2; Mrs. G. P. Ross, \$1.

Bread, Entire Wheat.

F. M. Machen, \$3.

White Bread.

Mrs. J. L. Porter, \$3; Mrs. F. H. Kugler, \$2; Mrs. N. L. Smith, \$1.

Light Layer Cake.

Mrs. J. B. Long, \$1.50; Miss Jane Kugler, \$1; Mrs. J. Wadsworth, 50c.

Dark Layer Cake.

Miss Mary Cahill, \$1.50; Miss Jane Kugler, \$1; Mrs. J. B. Long, 50c.

Light Loaf Cake.

Miss M. Wolcott, \$1.50; Miss Jane Kugler, \$1; Mrs. J. B. Long, \$1.

Dark Loaf Cake.

Mrs. Cora Leake, \$1.50; Miss M. Wolcott, \$1; Mrs. W. Lint, \$1.

Apple Pie.

Mrs. W. H. Kugler, \$1; Mrs. W. H. Smith, \$1; Mrs. Geo. E. Ross, 50c.

Cherry Pie.

Mrs. John Wadsworth, \$1; Mrs. G. E. Ross, \$1; Mrs. W. H. Kugler, 50c.

Pumpkin Pie.

Mrs. G. E. Ross, \$1; Mrs. C. P. Ross, \$1; Mrs. J. Wadsworth, 50c.

Honey.

W. H. Kugler, 75c.

Apples.

G. W. Saum, \$1; A. A. Conner, 75c.

Handkerchief Made by 16 Year Old Girl.

Mayme Talbot, \$1.

Handkerchief Made by Anyone.

Mrs. Wilhelm, \$1; Mrs. Cora Leake, 75c.

Apron, Hand Made.

Mrs. Wilhelm, \$1; Mrs. E. E. Bealer, 75c.

Pillow Top.

Mrs. Cora Leake, \$1; Miss M. Wolcott, 75c; Mrs. J. B. Long, 50c.

Pillow, Fancy.

Mrs. Cora Leake, \$1; Miss M. Wolcott, 75c.

Hardanger.

Mrs. Cora Leake, \$1.50; Miss Blanche Hallah, \$1.

Shadow Embroidery.

Mrs. Cora Leake, \$1.

Fancy Work, Any Kind.

Miss M. Wolcott, \$5; Miss M. Drennan, \$3; Miss L. Herzog, \$2.

SPECIAL PREMIUMS.

Red Corn.

C. Hecker.

White Corn.

T. W. Leake.

White Oats.

ROBBED OF SUIT HE WORE WHILE ENTOMBED

BROTHER OF ITALIAN WHO LECTURED HERE UNFORTUNATE IN FREEPORT.

Inatorali Antenore, brother of the Italian miner who for the past three days has been talking at the Star theatre in this city of the story of his entombment in and rescue from the Cherry mine, has been telling his story of the eight days' entombment at the Lyric theatre in Freeport, but was unfortunate a few nights ago in having stolen from him his suit case in which he had his miner's outfit and other valuable belongings. Antenore stepped into a saloon on lower Stephenson street and while he was taking a drink someone annexed his suit case. He stated that the real value of the outfit was about \$10 but that he would not have sold it for a million, as it was the outfit that he wore in the mine during his entombment.

Antenore, who was a member of the police force in Italy before came to this country, stated that he knew who the fellow was who took the suit case, because he had a bad appearance. The police are working on the case. Antenore spent the greater part of the night searching for the thief.

Ed Seyfarth left this morning for Philadelphia.

Attorney Wm. Leech was here today from Amboy.

Mrs. E. T. Schuler of Gadsden, Ala., came out to Dixon last evening after a few days' visit in Chicago.

F. X. Newcomer is reported on the sick list today.

Rev. Whitcombe arrived home Saturday after a week in Chicago.

J. M. Hess of the Milwaukee Casket company, spent Sunday in this city.

Charles Johnson of Grand Detour was in this city today transacting business.

Attorney Harold James visited in Dixon this morning. He was on his way to Freeport. He begins his duties in the office of States Attorney Lew Burrell in that city today and A. C. Gossman began his duties of court reporter this morning with Judge R. S. Farrand.

EXTRA SESSION OPENS TOMORROW

LEGISLATORS ARE LEAVING FOR THE STATE CAPITAL TODAY.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE IS READY

Will Contain Arguments He Expected to Use in Campaign of the State.

Tonight the trains for Springfield will be loaded down with statemen, near-statemen and citizens on foot headed for the state capital for the beginning of the extra session tomorrow.

The advance guard went this morning to confer with the governor over what should be done and what should be overlooked in making up a plan of action for the administration forces during the extra session.

The governor's message is ready for transmission. The last stroke of the pen was given last night and the draft went to the printer. It is said the message will occupy seven or eight newspaper columns. It is frankly admitted that certain of the legislators await its contents with fear and trembling.

The governor didn't get to make his primary and waterway speech-making campaign because of the Cairo mob, the Cherry disaster and the Washington rivers and harbors convention. It is presumed he will say in his message many of those things which some of the assemblymen were fearful he would say in their districts when he got to making his speeches.

The extra session will assemble at noon tomorrow, Lieut. Gov. Oglesby presiding in the senate. It is understood there will be no effort to keep Mr. Shurtleff from presiding as speaker in the house. When a recess is taken this week it will be until some time in January, in all probability, according to the leaders.

James Mahr is confined to his home with inflammatory rheumatism.

Overstocked

Forced to Unload at a Sacrifice

We Need the Money.

SO FAR The Season has been too warm for Overcoats and Suits to move out as fast as they should==consequently we are Overstocked

15 Per Cent Discount on Suits and Overcoats. From now until Christmas---just when you need them, as the weather is now colder.

\$30.00 Suits and Overcoats	=	=	\$25.50
\$25.00 Suits and Overcoats	=	=	\$21.25
\$22.00 Suits and Overcoats	=	=	\$18.70
\$20.00 Suits and Overcoats	=	=	\$17.00
\$18.00 Suits and Overcoats	=	=	\$15.30
\$15.00 Suits and Overcoats	=	=	\$12.75
\$13.00 Suits and Overcoats	=	=	\$11.05
\$12.00 Suits and Overcoats	=	=	\$10.20
\$10.00 Suits and Overcoats	=	=	\$8.50

We are thoroughly equipped with useful presents for Christmas.

Neckwear, Shirts, Gloves and Mittens, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Silk Umbrellas, Silk Underwear---anything in the shape of good useful presents at right prices.

J. Rosenthal's Sons
114 and 116
FIRST ST. CLOTHING AND SHOE HOUSE.

10c---OPERA---10c
ALWAYS
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Singing, Talking, Dancing,
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The SPORT
Eighteen Minutes of Fun.

MARYANN BROWN

ENGLISH COMEDienne
Impersonating George Cohan,
Vesta Victoria and other Celebrities of the Stage.

MOVING PICTURES

Notice. If you had attempted to crush out competition, and after resorting to all manner of mean and contemptible tricks you had miserably failed in your attempt---wouldn't it

JAR YOU?

NOTICE TO MILITIAMEN.

Inspection will be held some time this week; all government property must be in the armory tonight of every description which is held by any militiaman. There will be no excuse and every man will be held responsible for every article of wearing apparel which he has in his possession. By order of Captain John E. Erwin.

John Leadley of St. Louis was a guest at the H. M. Wright home on East Second street over Sunday.

A Christmas Wish

May your Christmas joys be many,
May God's richest blessings flow,
May we help you to make merry,
Down at Leake Brothers' Co.

111 FIRST ST.

Come in and See Us.

MORE STONEIS COMING FOR THE POSTOFFICE JOB

MILDER WEATHER PERMITS RESUMPTION OF BRICK LAYING.

Superintendent George Stiles has received word that there is more Bedford stone on the way from the Bedford quarries, which is expected to arrive this week. They intend to commence placing some of the iron work this morning. Since the weather has moderated they intend to resume the brick work for it is necessary that they lay more brick in order to place the steel plates in position.

BODY OF FRED WALTERS BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

WAS A FORMER RESIDENT OF DIXON AND DIED IN CHICAGO.

The remains of Fred Walters of Chicago arrived in Dixon today at 12:30 o'clock and were taken direct to Oakwood cemetery, where the funeral services were held. Rev. A. B. Whitcombe conducted the services.

Mr. Walters was a son in law of the late Isaac Jones, an old time resident of this city and Mrs. Walters is a cousin of Mrs. John Deeter. Mr. Walters was also a resident of Dixon at one time.

GO TO STERLING TO ATTEND MEETING

The Christian church chorus and a number of the workers are going to attend the revival services at Sterling tomorrow night. Evangelists Wilson and Walker of Indianapolis are conducting the services.

HAD A PROFITABLE YEAR ON FARM IN VIOLA

WALTERS BROTHERS REPORT A BIG CROP FROM SQUIRE JOHNSON'S FARM

Walters Bros., George and Edward, of Viola township, tenants on the Squire Johnson farm, which consists of 320 acres, had a bumper crop this year. They harvested 9000 bushels of corn and 7000 bushels of oats. The corn averaged 60 bushels per acre. Figuring the grain at the present market price, the total receipts for the yield of cereals on the farm would be \$7,300, which is a neat gross income for their labors of the year.

MUST PAY FULL VALUE FOR PACKAGES LOST

APPELLATE COURT HOLDS THE EXPRESS COMPANIES LIABLE.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The appellate court of the first district here announced a decision holding an express company is liable for the full value of goods destroyed in transit through the negligence of the carrier, rather than the arbitrary value of \$50 placed on all express packages where the value is not specifically stated by the shipper when the consignment is made.

HEAVY SNOW CAUSED ROOF TO FALL UPON THE HORSE

SHED NEAR ARMORY COURT COLLAPSED UPON FRANK LEASE'S HORSE.

The shed which stood at the rear end of the alley between the armory building and Dr. Stephens' building was totally demolished this morning. The roof caved in under the heavy weight of snow. Frank Lease, wire chief of the Home Telephone company, keeps his horse and rig in the shed and it was there at the time the accident occurred, about 9 a. m. Bystanders heard the crash and hurried to the scene and assisted in getting the horse from the rig. The rig was totally demolished but the horse was uninjured.

Of Interest to Users of Hot Plates and Light Housekeepers:

"Tripple-Trick" Roaster

Over one Gas or other flame burner you can get a good dinner of roast meat and vegetable---the roaster does not have to be basted, and the getting of the meal does not take up any of your time.

Put your food in the "Tripple-trick" Roaster, go wherever you wish, and when you return your meal is ready.

Price of Roasters \$2.50 and \$3.50
Lee County Lighting Co

FREE XMAS BOX

A Parker fountain pen in a beautifully decorated, artistic gift box free with every pen, makes a superb Christmas gift for father, mother, brother, sister, sweetheart or friend. It will become a pleasing, useful life-time possession.

PARKER Lucky Curve Fountain Pens

are the efficient, cleanly fountain pens because they have the curved ink-feed--the Lucky Curve--which prevents leaking while in your pocket, which makes the Parker the one fountain pen sold everywhere.

We carry a full assortment, \$1.20 up. Standard, Self-Filling and Safety. Many beautiful designs. A gift box free with every pen.

Rowland Bros

Go to TODD'S

FOR Men's and Boy's Winter Underwear. Men's and Boy's Union Suits. Men's and Boys' Winter Caps. Men's and Boys' Gloves and Mittens.

MEN'S SUITS MADE TO MEASURE

See the Indestructo-Trunks warranted 5 years, and see the Travelers Garment Hangers in cases.

TODD'S HAT STORE

Opera House Block
HOME PHONE 65

Bargains Bargains Bargains

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Has the Largest Stock of

CHRISTMAS CANDIES, FRUITS, Figs, Dates, Grapes, etc., ever shown in our city for the Holiday trade. Special Rates to Schools, Churches, Etc.

THE NEW YORK CANDY KITCHEN

THE PARLOR OF SWEETS.
94 First Street, Dixon, Illinois. HOME PHONE 136

RHEUMATIC FO LKS.

ARE YOU SURE YOUR KIDNEYS ARE WELL?

Many rheumatic attacks are due to uric acid in the blood. But the duty of the kidneys is to remove all uric acid from the blood. Its presence there shows the kidneys are inactive.

Don't delay with "uric acid solvents." You might go on till doomsday with them, but until you cure the kidneys you will never get well. Doan's Kidney Pills not only remove uric acid, but cure the kidneys and then all danger from uric acid is ended. Here is Dixon testimony to prove it:

Mrs. M. Hawken, 815 W. Sixth St., Dixon, Ill., says: "I had considerable trouble from my back and I suffered from pains across my kidneys. Rheumatism also annoyed me and often my whole body was stiff and lame. Doan's Kidney Pills were spoken of so highly that I got a box some time ago at Leake Bros. Co.'s drug store. After using them for a few days, I felt decidedly better and it was not long before the pains and aches left me. Doan's Kidney Pills helped me so greatly that I gladly recommend them."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name -- Doan's -- and take no other.

PUBLIC SALES.

Dec. 15--Ankeny and Mrs. Truman, 1 1/2 miles northeast of Dixon on west side of river. Fruin & Kelly, Auctioneers.

Dec. 14--Geo. Koehler, 1 mile east and 1/2 mile north of Sublette.

Dec. 15--Mrs. Wall, closing out sale, 2 miles southeast of Ohio.

Dec. 15--Judson Burnham, closing out sale, 2 miles southwest of Amboy.

Dec. 16--Angier Wilson, closing out sale, 5 miles northwest of Dixon.

Dec. 16--W. L. Eddy, 5 miles southeast of Amboy.

Dec. 17--Barney Carroll.

Dec. 20--Geo. Schradler, 6 miles south of Dixon.

Dec. 20--C. S. Krone, closing out sale, 5 miles north of Ohio, 4 miles south of Walton.

Dec. 21--Kels Pierson, 5 1/2 miles north of Ohio, 4 miles south of Walton.

Dec. 21--John McCleary, Palmyra.

Dec. 22--John Hartzell, 2 miles east of Dixon, Daysville road. Fruin, Auctioneers.

Jan. 6--Schmucker farm, at Court House.

Jan. 18--J. F. Burtisfield, 4 miles southwest of Dixon.

Jan. 13--J. F. Burtisfield, 4 miles southwest of Dixon, Fahrney, Auctioneers.

Jan. 20--Geo. Seibens, 5 miles south and 1 mile west of Dixon.

Ira Adams--Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1 1/2 miles south of Dixon.

F. R. Slinger, Jan. 26--1 1/2 miles east of Harmon.

Feb. 1--Claude Sweitzer, 5 1/2 miles southwest of Dixon. Closing out sale.

Manson Pitts--Wednesday, Feb. 16, 4 miles southwest of Dixon.

SALE DATES.

Geo. J. Fruin, Auctioneers, Dixon, Ill. Dec. 9--Boney Bly, 10 miles north east of Dixon.

Write or phone for dates phone No. 74-43.

Wednesday, Dec. 22--John Hartzell, 2 miles east of Dixon.

THE PANAMA HAT.

What Came of a Glimpse of the Initials on the Inside.

By HARRIET LUMMIE SMITH.
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As Genevieve came on deck the young man in the Panama hat glanced over his shoulder in her direction. Then, with surprising alacrity, he whirled about, and the rapid removal of the Panama revealed a well shaped head and close cropped dark hair, which clung through many vicissitudes to an unmistakable tendency to curl.

As the morning dew vanished under the fierce rays of the midsummer sun, so the young man's expression of joyful animation disappeared when met by Genevieve's chilly stare. His lower jaw dropped. The color mounted from the top of his rather high collar to the roots of his hair. Genevieve went on her way well satisfied with herself.

"I imagine he thinks me not quite as unsophisticated as he supposed. Probably his intention was to surprise me into a howl and then to presume on that to join me. And by the time that I had explained that I really didn't know him we should be beginning to feel quite well acquainted." She smiled again with superior triumph as she reflected on the overthrow of the plot. She wished that Aunt Myra might have been an onlooker--Aunt Myra, who had questioned the propriety of her taking the short voyage unchaperoned.

On the opposite side of the steamer the wearer of the Panama hat leaned upon the rail and darkly regarded the blue water. The attitude, suggestive of dejection, gave Genevieve the opportunity to steal furtive glances at the motherless offender. His clothes fitted well. As far as that was concerned, any tailor would be inspired to do his best by such a figure. "Adorable shoulders," said Genevieve, so nearly aloud that it was just as well that Aunt Myra was not present.

At the expiration of an hour Genevieve had come to the conclusion that



"I NEVER HEARD OF BUT ONE PERSON WHOSE INITIALS WERE X. Y. Z."

the guilty young man who had addressed her when she came on deck was not an old offender. He had taken her rebuff too deeply to heart for that. His interest in the Chesapeake bay seemed to undergo no diminution after sixty minutes of incessant staring. Genevieve began to feel that possibly she had been too severe. A look of dignified perplexity might have been enough without any of the ruthless, annihilating scorn before which his self confidence had shriveled. Genevieve surprised herself in a pitying sigh.

It was now time for the Panama to take a hand. As Genevieve's commiserating glance stole in the direction of the crushed and disheartened youth staring over the rail her challenge was accepted. With a birdlike motion the Panama rose from its owner's head, evading his clutch with a dexterity that argued deliberate intention. It sailed across the steamer's bow, dodging various agile persons who attempted to intercept it, and continued in Genevieve's direction. On reaching her it surrendered at discretion. Tame and obedient as a pet dog, it dropped into her lap, and, though Genevieve clutched it by the brim, that was merely a matter of form. She was sure that the Panama hat had no intention of going farther.

The hat's owner was not far behind his property. There was a peddler about him that was not due to sunburn, but was not unbecoming. He bowed, Genevieve reflected, with a feeling of self congratulation. Like a gentleman.

"I am very much in your debt," said the owner of the Panama.

"Not at all, I'm sure," responded Genevieve. Her tone was calculated to a nicety--not friendly enough to encourage liberties in the presumptuous, not chilling enough to dishearten the timid and reticent.

"Perhaps," the young man hesitated, taking his property from her extended hand. "I might improve this opportunity to apologize for what must have seemed a piece of rudeness on my part."

Genevieve listened with an expression as nicely calculated as her tone had been. There was nothing about

it on which one could presume, yet it was far from being frosty.

"As you came up the stairs," the young man continued, twirling the Panama, "I glanced over my shoulder, and for some reason your face looked extraordinarily familiar. When I bowed I was under the impression that I knew you."

Genevieve's lips curled a little in spite of herself. He would have done better, she reflected, to stop with the apology, the explanation was so painfully weak; trite to start with, and, moreover--well, without vanity, Genevieve knew that her type was not common.

Certainly never was six foot one of manhood so easily disconcerted. "Thank you again," said the owner of the Panama in a low voice, and he turned on his heel.

But as he set his recovered hat upon his head Genevieve caught sight of something that made her start--three shining gilt letters fixed into the inner leather band. "Oh, I beg your pardon!" she cried impulsively.

The young man did not hear her, and a fellow passenger checked him in his return to his seat, seizing his coat. "Lady ain't done with you yet," said the obliging passenger, and the owner of the Panama looked back and saw that it was true.

He returned with an apparent reluctance Genevieve thought best not to notice. "Excuse me," she said breathlessly, "but those letters inside your hat--are they your initials?"

The young man stared and colored. "Why, yes."

"Like an algebra problem, aren't they?" Genevieve persisted.

Apparently the young man wished to show her that she was not the only person who could assume an air of hauteur. "The peculiarity of my name," said the owner of the Panama, looking over Genevieve's head, "is a misfortune in which the general public--"

"The reason I asked," interrupted Genevieve, "is because I never heard of but one person whose initials were X. Y. Z., and he was one of my cousin's dearest friends."

The owner of the Panama no longer looked haughty. Instead his expression suggested blissful incredulity.

"His name began," Genevieve continued, blushing under the young man's gaze, "with Xavier."

"Young," prompted the other delightedly.

"Zimmerman," Genevieve concluded, and she looked about her. "Isn't there an unoccupied chair? Oh, yes!"

The young man brought it and seated himself beside her. "I've always hated my name," he said mediatively. "It's a mixture of French and English and German, of the prosaic and the sentimental. It's fairly grotesque and indefensible from any standpoint. I've seriously contemplated having it changed by an act of the legislature. But from this day on I'll find no more fault with it. When you saw those letters X. Y. Z., of course you knew there couldn't be but one of us."

"I made myself for waiting for that," said Genevieve demurely. "Since I've seen your photograph at my cousin's, a number of photographs indeed."

Mr. Zimmerman drew a long breath. "And I was wondering why your face seemed so familiar," he made a motion toward an inside pocket, but then checked himself, reflecting that perhaps it would be wiser to wait a little for that. But by the middle of the next forenoon he felt it safe to exhibit the little kodak picture Jim had given him--a picture of Genevieve with a tennis racket over her shoulder and her hair ruffled by the breeze.

Genevieve pouted. "If we were going to give you any," she said, "he might have chosen one that--that flattered me more."

The sea voyage from Baltimore to Boston, though not a long one, affords considerable opportunity for progress in acquaintance. Mr. X. Y. Zimmerman might be suggestive of an algebraic problem, but in that case no one of his fellow passengers was in doubt as to the final solution.

The Psychology of Crowds.

There is a justification for a preventive censorship in the peculiar nature of the crowd. Collective psychology, or the psychology of crowds (mainly investigated so far by French and Italian inquirers), is a study still in its infancy. A completely satisfactory explanation of the peculiarities of the crowd is not yet forthcoming. But those peculiarities are matters of common knowledge.

Briefly, a crowd is a new entity, differing in mind and will from the individuals who compose it. Its intellectual pitch is lowered. Its emotional pitch is raised. It takes on something of the characteristics of a hypnotized "subject." It tends to be irrational, excitable, lacking in self control. Many Frenchmen under "the terror," gentle and humane as individuals, made up crowds guilty of horrible atrocities. Questioned afterward, they could not account for their actions. Some inexplicable change had taken place in them, and that inexplicable something was the peculiar influence of the crowd.

A theatrical audience has the peculiar psychology of the crowd. An offensive play performed before it has an entirely different effect from that which the play would have if read separately and privately by each individual. The crowd is the real controlling factor in the matter. A. B. Walkley Before Stage Censorship Commission.

Forever.

From Humor's Grab Bag



TIT FOR TAT.

Mrs. De Witt--Do you know Mrs. Torkins?

Mrs. De Witt--Of course I do.

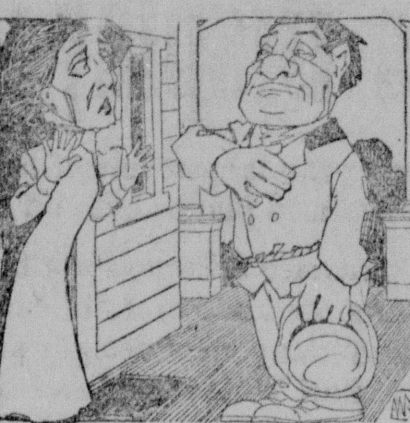
Mrs. De Witt--Then suppose you tell me all the horrid lies she has told you about me, and I'll tell you all the lovely scandal she has repeated about you.



COOL DESPERATION.

Wife--Why, George, surely you aren't going to make ice cream! The house is freezing cold now.

Hubby--That's just it. I'm going to see if I can get as hot over it as I used to last summer.



A LOYAL SOLDIER.

"So you're a soldier in the army of the unemployed. I'll give you a job."

"You're either be ashamed to tempt me. I'm a soldier, mum, no deserter."



HIS EXPECTATIONS.

First Boy--Expect to get much for Christmas?

Second Boy--Yep, but I expect I won't get nothing like what I expect.

THE BAT KING.

His Method Was Successful, but It Remains a Secret.

In the early sixties of the last century the Smithsonian Institution was infested with rats. Nothing in the building seemed to be rat proof. They ate skins cured with arsenical soap or table linen or the contents of Professor Henry's pantry without discrimination. Every one in the city, from Professor Henry to the bootblack, had one subject in common, and that was "rats."

As Professor Henry, who lived in the east end of the building, was listening to an account of the ruin wrought in his home during that day Professor Spencer Baird walked in and said, just as if he had been following every word of the family conversation, "I have just been told that there is a man in Philadelphia who can rid this place of rats."

Professor Henry's eyes expressed interest and incredulity at the same moment.

"I have his address here," went on the assistant secretary. "He calls himself the 'ratten konig' and won't take a cent if a rat remains and has."

"We'll send for him if it takes our last thousand cents to do it," said Professor Henry and laughingly predicted the repetition of the famous old tale of the Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Several days later the "bat king" appeared in Washington. He was almost as short as he was broad and wore clothes too loose for description; they had no shape. He carried a large oilcloth sack and a covered basket. His penetrating blue eyes were almost covered by shaggy eyebrows, and his blond hair had not been cut, but bagged. His manner was short and brisk, and he went straight to the point, talking to Professor Henry in German.

He declared that not a rat would be in the building three days hence if his directions were obeyed. During that time he would stay in the basement alone; every door was to be locked, and on no account was he to be disturbed until he gave them the signal. So they left him in absolute darkness and carried out his directions.

On Sunday morning the queer old man emerged from the darkness so confident of his success that he refused to accept the money which was his due then and there, but insisted that Professor Henry mail the check to him in Philadelphia the following week.

"Now you can leave your food in the basement, and it won't be touched. And I won't take a cent if you are troubled with rats," was his parting words.

Cheese and cake were directly placed about the building to tempt the rats. Morning after morning they were found as they had been left, and from that day to this the Smithsonian Institution has never been seriously troubled with rats. And no one has ever found out the secret of the "bat king's" method--Youth's Companion.

A King's Old Clothes.

The posthumous sale of the wardrobe of King George IV. of England realized \$75,000. Greville, who attended the sale, says that the king "hardly ever gave anything away except his linen, which was distributed every year. There are all the coats he has ever had for fifty years, 200 whips, canes without number, every sort of uniform, the costumes of all the orders in Europe, splendid furs, pelisses, hunting coats and breeches. His profusion in these articles was unbounded because he never paid for them, and his memory was so accurate that one of his pages told me he recollected every article of dress, no matter how old, and that they were always liable to be called on to produce some particular coat or other article of apparel of years gone by."

WHITE PLAGUE WAR.

Billboard Fight on Tuberculosis to Be Nation Wide.

Preparations have been nearly completed for a national \$1,000,000 poster campaign against tuberculosis, which will be substantially supported by billboards and persons interested in the ever growing fight with the disease.

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, the Associated Bill Posters and Distributors of America and the Poster Printers' Association of the United States have united in the distribution and putting up of large posters 7 feet wide by 9 feet 4 inches high. Three smaller posters which will be put out are labeled as follows: "Remember, consumption kills one in every ten in this district," "Consumption can be prevented," and "Cause of consumption." Each of the three smaller posters has rules inscribed for the prevention of the disease.

The campaign is an outcome of the last convention of the billposters, at which time a resolution was adopted granting free of charge to the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis space on all the billboards controlled by the organization, located in 3,400 towns and villages of the United States.

The national association was confronted by the difficulty of getting funds to print the posters and was aided by the poster printers, who offered to do the printing free. Paper manufacturers then were appealed to, and this resulted in enough paper being secured to start the printing of 15,000 posters. The sketches for the designs were solicited from artists in and around New York.

Through the generosity of the different groups the national association is able to inaugurate one of the largest billposting campaigns ever undertaken by a philanthropic organization. Phil B. Jacob, assistant secretary of the association, says that 1,000,000 posters will be pasted on billboards in every state of the Union. The posters are designed to show graphically how consumption can be cured and prevented. It is expected that the poster campaign will stimulate interest in every locality in the United States for the prevention and cure of the disease. The association intends to put out other designs later.

Association members argue that persons who should take an interest in the campaign against tuberculosis are not attracted by small pamphlets upon the subject, so must be attracted in this striking manner. The undertaking has necessitated a large outlay to cover mailing expenses.

Rough Passage.

"I hope and pray," remarked a gentleman as he left the steamer, "that I shall never have occasion to cross the Atlantic again."

"Rough passage, eh?" queried a friend.

"Rough is no name for it. I had four kings beat three times."--New York Sun.

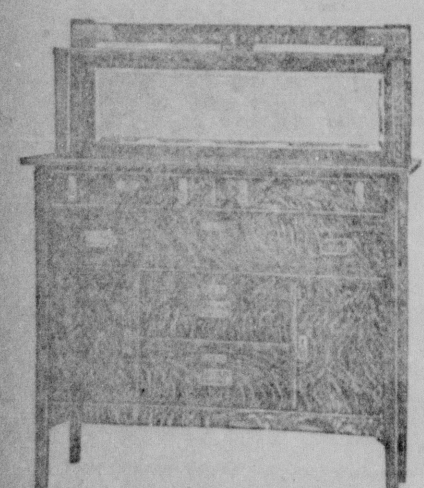
Why She Stayed at the Foot.

Being upbraided by her mother for being the lowest in her class, little Mabel exclaimed in tones of injured innocence: "It ain't my fault. The girl who has always been foot left school."--Delineator.

Hard on the Egg.

Fat Lady--Yes, sir; that's the beauty of keeping fowls. If I ever run short of meat or I'm in a hurry, I always fall back on a hen.--London Bystander.

Be true to your word and your work, and your friend.--O'Reilly.



The name Skandia also stands for the finest woods thoroughly seasoned, for correct design, and for artistic beauty. It includes complete dining room suites, library suites (bookcases with ladies' desks to match), combination bookcases, parlor cabinets, etc. Ask to see Skandia furniture.

Geo. J. Reed, Furniture.

112 East First St.

What You Can't See

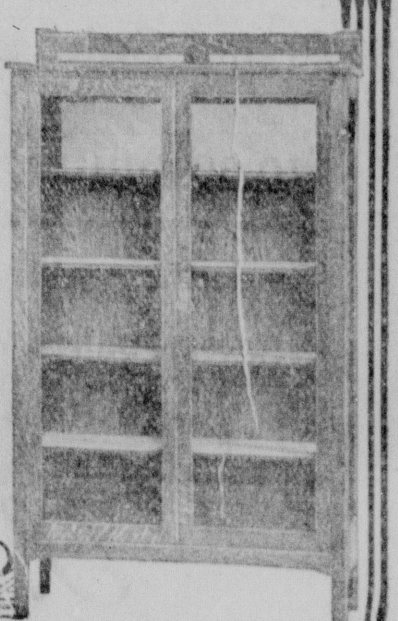
in the furniture you buy is just as important as what you can see. The real character of the wood, and the way it can put together--which mean the life of the article--may be hidden from the untrained eye.

Every piece that goes out from the Skandia shops carries the unconditional guaranty that every detail of construction and finish has been completed with care and conscience--that sandpaper, putty, filler and varnish have not been used to cover up defects.

The name Skandia also stands for the finest woods thoroughly seasoned, for correct design, and for artistic beauty. It includes complete dining room suites, library suites (bookcases with ladies' desks to match), combination bookcases, parlor cabinets, etc. Ask to see Skandia furniture.

Geo. J. Reed, Furniture.

112 East First St.



For Sale or Exchange

Look around your place and see if there are not some things you would like to sell or exchange for some other article. Advertising in these columns will bring you customers and the cost is small.

3 Lines 3 times for 25c 6 Times for 40c

ADS IN THESE COLUMNS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE

"Want Ad Rates"

3 lines, 3 times.....25c
3 lines, 6 times.....40c
Each additional week.....30c
Ads in this column must positively be paid for in advance. If it is not convenient for you to call at the office, telephone us and we will send a messenger.

WANTED.

Wanted—Poultry—Bass & Florscheutz will give you fair weight and pay the highest market price. Will come after them by calling Home Phone 13,433. 915m

Wanted. Horses to board, put in barn nights, turned out every day. Frank L. Scholl, R. F. D. 3, Phone H 21. 7612*

Wanted. To buy from trappers, female mink skins. Will pay highest prices. Enquire J, this office. 84tfdw

Wanted. Modern house, 5 to 7 rooms, near business section or close to car line. Address L. E. C., care Daily Telegraph. 85tf

Wanted. 3 to 5 unfurnished or partly furnished rooms, suitable for light housekeeping. Desirable party with references. Address L. E. C., care Telegraph. 85tf

Wanted. Competent girl wants position, general housework. Can do everything but washing and ironing. Phone 13,844. 510 N. Dixon Ave. 883

Wanted. Three of four hundred bushels of yellow corn on ear. O. L. Baird, both phones. 903*

Wanted. Dining room girl at Hotel Morrison. 90tf

FOR SALE.

For Sale. For sale or exchange, piano, practically new, will exchange for young cattle or milk cows. Refrigerator, new gas stove and other furniture also for sale. Phone 521. 42tf

For fine toned, light action, elegant pianos, fully guaranteed. See W. F. Strong at 312 West Third street or at College. Best piano bargain in Lee county. 35tf

For Sale. Farm for sale or rent; 120 acres two miles northwest of Amboy. Inquire on premises. Geo. Blocher, R. F. D. 5, Box 31. w2*

For Sale. Town lots are booming at Mission, Texas. Ask the reason why of the Rio Grande Realty Co. 11

For Sale. Two second hand safes. Enquire at this office. 65tf

For Sale. 300 white oak fence posts. Jas. H. Thompson, County Clerk's Office. 7710

For Sale. A good safe, cheap. Inquire at this office. 83tf

For Sale at a Bargain, 3 city lots, each 50x150 ft., has several cherry trees, asparagus, strawberry and plant beds, \$500.00 will buy the above if taken by Jan. 1st. Address "44" Care Evening Telegraph. 866*

For Sale. Hearts Mountain Canary Birds; good singers. Sold cheaper if taken in pairs and at once. Call at 910 S. Ottawa Ave. 893

FOR RENT

For Rent. House on corner of 6th and Highland Ave. Enquire of Addie C. Bovey, 321 Fifth St. 50tf

FOR SALE OR RENT.

125 acres east of Dixon. Good private greeting printed thereon, in buildings. S. R. Harris, corner 152 LaSalle St., Chicago. 886w2 5 cents.

FOR RENT.

For Rent. Two furnished rooms, modern conveniences, enquire 602 W. 3rd St. Telephone 55. 68tf

For Rent. Both sides of a double house at 717 Madison avenue. A. E. Simonson. 84tf

LOST.

Lost. Breastpin of shell in shape of leaf, with bunch of grapes on same in red rubies. Finder kindly leave same at this office. Lost on street cars. 51tf

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will have a public sale at his place of residence on the Mrs. E. M. Truman farm, one mile north of the Assembly grounds, Dixon, on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1909. The following property, to-wit: 88 head of cattle, consisting of 22 milch cows, some fresh, others heavy springers; 12 heifers, coming fresh soon; 15 yearling heifers; 7 steers coming 3 years old; 7 steers coming 2 years old; 7 yearling steers; 17 spring calves; 1 bull coming 2 years old.

16 head of horses.
36 Poland China hogs, consisting of 12 brood sows, balance good thrifty shoats.

Farm machinery of all descriptions.

A lot of timothy hay in barn. Sale commences at 10 o'clock. Free lunch at noon.

Terms of Sale: All sums of \$5 and under cash, all sums over \$5 a credit of one year's time will be given purchaser giving good bankable note with approved security drawing 7 per cent interest from date. Interest deducted if paid when due. 5 per cent off for cash on sums over \$5. No property to be removed until settled for.

C. B. Ankeny & Mrs. E. M. Truman, F. D. Kelly, Geo. J. Fruin, Auctioneers. H. C. Warner, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned having sold his farm will have a closing out sale at his place of residence one-half mile west of the Milk Factory, Dixon, Ill., on the Sterling road, on Friday, December 17.

6 head of cattle; 3 choice milch cows; two are heavy springers; 3 yearling calves.

Sorrel mare 11 years old, in foal; 2 spring colts.

5 young sows.

Farm Machinery: Lumber wagon, 1 single wagon, 1 top buggy, 1 hay rack, 1 14-inch stubble plow, 1 hay rake, 1 Deering mower, 1 set double harness, 1 set of fly nets, 1 shoveling board, 1 cook stove, 1 heater & other articles not mentioned. A quantity of hay and straw in mow. Also some corn fodder. Sale commences at 1 o'clock.

Terms of Sale: All sums of \$10 and under cash. All sums over \$10 a credit of 10 months' time will be given purchaser giving good bankable note with approved security drawing 7 per cent interest from date. Interest deducted if paid when due. 5 per cent off for cash on sums over \$10. No property to be removed until settled for.

Bernard Carroll.

D. M. Fahrney, Auctioneer.

H. C. Warner, Clerk. 903

We now have on display at this office a beautiful line of holiday goods, in the way of artistic calendars, Christmas postals, holly wrapping paper, seals, tags and cards.

The recollections of Quality, remain long after the price is forgotten.

"Lyndon brand means Quality." HCON & HALL. Home Phone 435. Tea Shop

R. R. Time Table

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Correct time of all passenger and freight trains leaving Dixon that carry passengers:

South Bound.

No. 123 Express 10:37 a. m. daily
No. 131 Clinton Ex. 5 p. m. D. ex. S.
Amboy Freight 9:38 a. m. D. ex. S.

North Bound.

Ft. Dodge Ex. 9:38 a. m. D. ex. Sun.
Local Mail 5:22 p. m. daily
Freeport Fr. 12:30 p. m. D. ex. Sun.

L. BACKUS,

Ticket Agent, I. C. R. R.

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RY.

Correct time of all passenger trains leaving Dixon:

East Bound to Chicago.

No. Lv. Dixon Ar. Chicago

4 3:25 a. m. daily 6:45 a. m.

16 4:43 a. m. daily 7:20 a. m.

10 5:45 a. m. daily 8:30 a. m.

24 6:25 a. m. daily 9:15 a. m.

20 11:22 a. m. ex. Sun. 2:35 p. m.

*18 7:21 a. m. daily 10:15 a. m.

14 4:04 p. m. daily 7:10 p. m.

12 6:16 p. m. daily 8:45 p. m.

28 4:15 p. m. Sun. 7:25 p. m.

8 9:08 a. m. daily 11:59 a. m.

Passenger to Peoria.

10 daily ex. Sun. Lv. Dixon 7:45 a. m.

West Bound From Chicago.

No. Lv. Chicago Ar. Dixon

3 10:45 p. m. daily 1:52 a. m.

27 7:55 a. m. (Sun. only) 11:08 a. m.

13 7:00 a. m. ex. Sun. 10:14 a. m.

5 10:00 a. m. 12:31 p. m.

19 12:30 p. m. ex. Sun. 3:43 p. m.

17 4:30 p. m. daily 7:18 p. m.

21 6:00 p. m. daily 8:29 p. m.

25 6:05 p. m. daily 8:51 p. m.

11 1:30 p. m. daily 3:59 p. m.

7 10:01 p. m. daily 12:35 a. m.

*Sterling passenger.

INTER-URBAN

DIXON, City

WEST BOUND (Read down)

10:30/50 Assembly Park 30/50/10

13 33 53 Galena & Fellows 27 47 7

17 37 57 Galena & First 23 43 3

20 40/60 Office 20 40 60

30 50/10 Depots 10 30 50

Figures denote min. past the hour.

From 6:20 a. m. until 11 p. m.

Sunday, first car at 7 a. m.

INTER-URBAN SERVICE.

Cars leave both Dixon and Sterling every hour.

First car leaves at 5:30 a. m. and

five (5) minutes past each hour

thereafter until 11 p. m.

Local cars leave the office every

twenty (20) minutes.

Public Sale.

The undersigned will sell at his farm on Monday, Dec. 13, the following stock: 20 head of choice milch cows, mostly fresh, balance



heavy springers; one extra Jersey

and Holstein cow for family use, just

fresh; 1 Jersey cow, will be fresh

in January. Some fat cows and off-

springers, will be sold cheap. 5 head

of good bulls. 6 head of Norman

horses from 3 to 6 years old, weighing

from 1200 to 1600 pounds, the best

the market affords. A lot of

shots and fat hogs to butcher. A

large fat hog for lard. A lot of poultry,

laying hens, pullets and roosters,

Guineas and turkey hens. We will

butcher a young 2 year old Hereford

heifer, something good, and sell it

by the quarter. Don't forget our

horses, they are all black and brown

and the talk of the town. Sale

commences at 10 o'clock sharp. Nothing

sold after dinner. Free lunch at

noon.

Terms of Sale: A credit of one

year will be given on bankable notes.

Calvin Meese, the Princeton auc-

tioneer. 855

SHAVING ON TRAINS.

The Operation Not Near So Dangerous as Most People Imagine.

"There was a burrah when some of the railroads started barber shops on their fast trains," said a traveling man. "The newspapers said that at last travellers could have the luxury of a shave whenever necessary and that no longer would we see unshaven men leaving the trains at the end of a long run."

"Now, the barber shops on the fast trains are undoubtedly a blessing to men who are not able to shave themselves, for by my part I consider them far more dangerous than the simple operation of shaving yourself, even when going at the rate of sixty miles an hour."

"I always shave myself, and I do not use a safety razor, yet I would sooner scrape my chin with an unprotected blade while the train is going sixty or seventy miles an hour than let a barber on the same train lean over me with a sharp razor and perform the operation."

"The reason for this is that when one holds the razor in one's own hand the razor moves with you. If you fall toward the hazard the razor falls away from you, as your arm is naturally outstretched to prevent you from striking a wall."

"But suppose the barber is leaning over you as you sit in a chair and a sudden lurching of the train throws him against the chair. What chance have you in the chair to get away from the sharp blade coming in your direction?"

"I have shaved myself dozens of times on fast trains and slow trains and I have never cut myself once. Yet a number of my acquaintances who have patronized the train barber shops have been compelled to wear court plaster during the remainder of the trip."

"Up to a year or so ago I never shaved myself on a train, and I never saw any one else doing it. Then, perhaps, because of the advent of safety razors, it became a comparatively familiar sight to see a man shaving himself in the smoking room of the Pullman."

"I have had travelling men, seeing me shave for the first time, express their surprise that I did not cut myself, owing to the lurching of the train, and when I have explained to them how easily one can shave on a train they have become instant converts to the practice. Like all simple things, one does not realize how simple it is until one has tried it."

"Another thing—it is infinitely smoother shaving when the train is going fast than when making only twenty-five or thirty miles an hour. The curves and the jolts seem more severe on a slow train. The steady motion of a swiftly moving train is more conducive to security and comfort than any slow train."

Traditions in the Navy.

"Traditions and customs die hard in the navy," said a veteran officer. Why, pike drill only went out with the building of the new fleet. Twenty years ago and less on the wooden ships we always had pike drill, and the pikes—regular old fashioned pikes with iron bush heads, such as the infantry at Agincourt bore, only shorter—stood in racks on the gun deck.

"Certain of our petty officers are still officially known as yeomen, as they were veritable yeomen in the days of Drake, and it is only a few years ago that what are now Junior Lieutenants were known as masters, that title being, as I take it, a survival from the days when soldiers and politicians and even clergymen were sent to sea as officers and had to have a sailing master on board—a master mariner—to supply the seamanship."

"The ship's policeman is still known as master at arms, as he was in the days of old. His rank may have been created as a grade below that of a knight-at-arms, and the sailors call him 'Jimmy Legs,' just as they have since he first put leg irons on an unruly mariner."

"Then there is the 'Jack o' the Dust,' a regular official title to this day, for the lowest of the Paymaster's staff, and a title which has attached to that position in the English and American navies from time immemorial. We still play 'The Roast Beef of Old England,' and 'The Muffin Man' is a favorite tattoo."

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"All this and more we have inherited from the British navy. We kept up the pike drill after the British had abandoned it, and altogether I think we are the more conservative of the two services and cling harder to the old times."

One Thing We Must Have.

We can live without food for thirty days or more, we can live without water for about seven days; we cannot live without air, however, for five minutes.

Consequently as much or more attention should be paid to our water and air supplies as to our food. There should be vigilant inspection of school rooms, factories, theatres, public buildings, &c., to insure perfect ventilation.

We spend about one-third of our lives in bed. We must breathe regularly, however, during our sojourn in slumberland and if we breathe pure air all night, we will certainly arise in the morning greatly refreshed.

QUEER CURES IN GERMANY.

Superstitions Prevailing To-Day—The Dead Man's Healing Touch.

Some one has been making an investigation as to the survival of medical superstitions in Germany, and his discoveries have been reported in the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. All sorts of outlandish ideas and practices were found in active prevalence in the marshlands of the Weser, north of Bremerhaven, and in the Luneburg Heath, a barren region between the Elbe and Aller.

In both of these districts the touch of a corpse's hand is still regarded as curative of many local ills. In the Wesermarsch the practice is to steal secretly into the room where the dead person is laid out and with the dead hand stroke the afflicted part. In the Luneburg Heath the application is especially used as a cure for warts and for cramps in the stomach.

Less grewsome is the remedy for hernia still applied in the marsh country. On the night of St. John the Baptist's day, June 24, the patient must be dragged through the split of a cleft ash tree. Three men bearing the first name of John must perform the operation, it must be conducted in dead silence.

Some of the cures depend, on the contrary, upon verbal formulas. For hicough the sufferer must cross a little wooden foot-bridge over a stream. As he crosses he must repeat:

Snik-up in kungen ober dat steg.
Snik-up fuit herin in kung weg.

This bit of dialectic German may be translated:

Hicough and I went over the bridge.

I went on, Hicough fell in the ditch.

For erysipelas a fire is lighted and a pinch of ashes from it is rubbed on skin to the accompaniment of a saying to the effect that the ashes and the sore went over the Red Sea together; the ash came back, but the sore never again. Numerous other sayings supposed to have the force of charms, usually when uttered simultaneously with some action, are quoted. The Luneburger, for instance, who has warts makes the sign of the cross on the warts while gazing at the crescent moon, saying, "What I see, that I win; what I wash, that disappears." It rhymes in the German dialect.

Sometimes the formula is not spoken. The Wesermarsch folk have a saying which they write on a slip of paper when any one has fever; then they burn the paper. The Luneburgers have no formula, but they write the name, year of birth and birthplace of the sick person in a lonely place three nights running. Other remedies for fever consist in swallowing spiders or dust filed from a church bell.

When a tooth comes out the loser must throw it backward over his head. Hair comings must not be thrown out of the window, because the birds might get them and fly away with them. In that case the person who was separated from them would speedily become bald.

Americans Taller Than Englishmen.

Peter the Great was six feet eight and a half inches. Abraham Lincoln was just six feet two inches. Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Richard Burton six feet. Alfred de Musset, Frode, Puyvis de Chavannes, Poussin, Lessing, Schiller, Lamartine, and Sterne were tall men. W. S. Gilbert is over six feet.

It would be possible to lengthen this list to the point of tediousness. But the more the subject is examined, the farther away we get from the Napoleonic theory. Nature has a pretty wide range in these matters, and she makes the most of it.

When it comes to averages, figures prepared by the anthropometric committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science indicate that the average stature of the male adults of England is five feet seven inches and seven-eighths, although the professional and commercial classes show "a mean height of from two to three inches above this, and the laboring classes an inch or two below." The Scotch and Irish are a little taller, and the Welsh a little shorter than the English.

The average for the United States is said to be taller than the English—a fact which implies neither genius nor the lack of it.

How to Use a Barometer.

The following rules are those which are used by the Seawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht Club in their very successful attempt to forecast the weather with the aid of the barometer.

A Rising Barometer.—A rapid rise indicates unsettled weather. A gradual rise indicates settled weather. A rise with dry air and cold air increasing in summer indicates wind from the northward; and if rain has fallen, better weather may be expected. A rise with moist air and a low temperature indicates wind and rain from the northward. A rise with southerly winds indicates fine weather.

A Steady Barometer.—With dry air and reasonable temperature indicates a continuance of very fine weather.

A Falling Barometer.—A rapid fall indicates stormy weather. A rapid fall with westerly wind indicates stormy weather from the northward. A fall with a northerly wind indicates storm, with rain and hail in summer, and snow in winter. A fall with increased moisture in the air and heat increasing indicates wind and rain.

TAFT'S LUCKY NUMBER.

How the Figure Four Has Affected the Career of the President.

Four is President Taft's lucky number. He has four letters in his name and he was born in Ohio, a state of four letters. The President also is one of four brothers. He was graduated from the Woodward High School in Cincinnati in 1874, and went to Yale, which bears a four-letter name. Mr. Taft then lived on Pike street, Cincinnati. The four letters in the name of that street bore luckily upon the President's courtship. The wedding ceremony was performed by a preacher whose four-letter name was Hoge. Good luck of the number extended from them to Helen Taft, the daughter. She won one of four scholarships from Bryn Mawr and entered upon a four-year course.

In 1904 Taft was appointed President of the United States Philippine Commission. On July 4, 1901, he began his career as the first Civil Governor of those islands. His work as Governor ended on February 1, 1904. Secretary of War Root had four letters in his last name. That augured well for Taft. He succeeded Root as Secretary of War in 1904. Ten years before that, in 1894, Taft had made his famous decision against Phelan in the labor strike case. Taft could not help making a record as Secretary of War because he had to deal chiefly with the army, which is another four-letter institution.

It is recalled that on October 4, 1907, Taft left Kobe, a four-letter city in Japan, for Manila. On October 8, 1907,

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CHRISTMAS JEWELRY

When is the time to buy jewelry? We certainly say—today—when there is such a store as this at your elbow. For who ever gets too much of it?

And there is magic in every piece of jewelry, in every watch—in every diamond we show?

An unceasing effort to produce the cleverest stock makes this store unique, brimful and overflowing with new surprises seldom equalled.

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THE MARKETS.

DECEMBER 13 1909

Eggs	27
Lard	15
Butter	30
Chickens	14
Ducks	12
Turkeys	17
Geese	11
Honey	15
Potatoes	40
Corn	50
Oats	37@39

RANGE OF CHICAGO MARKETS

BOARD OF TRADE QUOTATIONS
FURNISHED BY C. P. HERRICK, SHAW BLDG.
C. D. Anderson, Local Manager.
Range of prices on Chicago Board of Trade.

Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—			
Dec. 111 1/2	113 1/2	110 1/2	113 1/2
May 110	111 1/2	109 1/2	111 1/2
July 100	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2

Corn—			
Dec. 62 1/2	64 1/2	61 1/2	64 1/2
May 66 1/2	67	65 1/2	67 1/2
July 66 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2	66 1/2

Oats—			
Dec. 44 1/2	44 1/2	44	44 1/2
May 45 1/2	45 1/2	45	45 1/2
July 42 1/2	43	42 1/2	43

Pork—			
Jan. 2175	2235	2175	2232
May 2130	2197	2130	2197

Ribs—			
Jan. 1170	1200	1170	1197
May 1119	1157	1117	1152

Lard—			
Jan. 1280	1305	1280	1305
May 1190	1207	1190	1207

Receipts today:
Hogs—45000.
Cattle—45000.
Sheep—40000.
Hogs open 10c lower.
Left over—3000.
Mixed—\$05 @ \$35.
Good—\$15 @ \$60.
Rough—\$15 @ \$30.
Light—795 @ \$45.
Cattle 20 lower. Sheep 10 to 15 lower.
Hogs close about 5c lower.
Estimated tomorrow—22,000 to 25000.

CHRISTMAS PLANTS.

Many new and novel arrangements in Plants and Baskets. Plenty of 'at Flowers. Memorial Wreaths a specialty.

The Dixon Flower Shop,
Phone 107. 106 First St.
87tf C. H. FALLSTROM,
Proprietor.

WILL OPEN LUNCH COUNTER.

Saturday, Dec. 18, will be ready to serve short orders and meals in Alley Home.
90 6 Henry Coffey.

PUNISHES PAIN.

Every rub you give with "Sterling Analgic Embrocation" punishes pain and sends it away. Money refunded if it fails to relieve rheumatism, neuralgia, gout, sore feet, chilblains, sprains, bruises, etc. A. H. Tillson, druggist.
85 24

The D. C. Fitts sale, 5 1-2 miles southeast of Dixon, that was postponed will be held Thursday, Dec. 9th, 1909.
83 4*J4

Smoke Belle of Dixon, 5c. 11

FRESH CUT FLOWERS

Of all kinds delivered to all parts of the city for any occasion. Funeral designs. Telephone 147
Long's Greenhouse. 83tf

Turkey Shoot.

At Nate Hill's, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 3 miles sw. Dixon. McClanahan & Hill.
86 5*

Evaporated Pumpkins.

20 cents per package; equal to two cans of pumpkin when cooked, and has the fresh pumpkin flavor. Dixon Grocery Co.
90 3

Piano Tuning.

And repairing. Call or address, Carl Seaberg, 922 W. Third street. Phone 946.
90 3*

Smoke Belle of Dixon, 5c. 11

One of the newest turn-down electric lamps includes a high power tungsten filament and a one candle power filament, the two alternately switching on and off by the cords.

The BARGAIN COUNTER

Merchants to Their Patrons

STAR THEATRE

Entire change of program for vaudeville and moving pictures.

Minonk Soft Coal, \$3.25 per ton at sheds; \$3.50 per ton, delivered. Palmyra Cash Coal Co., Phone 164.
49tf

Smoke Belle of Dixon, 5c. 11

Do not tie your Christmas packages. Try the new way, by using seals, which come in the Christmas colors, 50 in a box, for 10 cents, at this office.

WILL TUNE PIANOS.

Carl Seaberg of 922 West Third street has entered the profession of piano tuning and repairing. Mr. Seaberg is a skilled musician and has had many years' experience in solo work, orchestra work and as band leader. He studied piano tuning under the instruction of Messrs. Osterlander and Byington and is fully prepared to do his work carefully and thoroughly. He has been a resident of Dixon for many years and has a wide acquaintance here.

To the young lady who is in doubt as to what she will give her gentleman friend for Christmas, we suggest a box of engraved calling cards and engraved plate. See samples at this office.

D. M. FAHRNEY,
Auctioneer.

Speak early for special dates.
Brown Block, Room 1, 2 3.
Lee County Phone—Residence
152. Office, 90

Dixon, Illinois.

ATTENTION, LADIES.

See the new Turban Coiffure, it is the latest fad and cannot be dressed without the braid, turban pad, pins and large nets. Sold only at Anna L. Grimes' Hair Dressing Parlors, 119 Hennepin Ave.
77 24

GIFT CONTEST IS ON.

49 contestants entered.
Many seem to be running close.
Buy your Shawls, Cloaks, Furs, Toys, Candy and Nuts where you can help your favorite to get a Watch, Football or Doll free for X-mas.
88 3 I. B. COUNTRYMAN CO.

Money to Loan on farms at low interest rates with privilege to borrower of paying any amount at any time stopping interest thereon H. A. Roe Company, Opera Block, Dixon, Ill. Phones.
78tf

Smoke, Belle of Dixon, 5c.

Combination Sale.

At Manges' feed barns, Dixon, Ill., Tuesday, Dec. 14th, 1909, commencing at 1 o'clock p. m. J. P. MANGES, D. M. Fahrney, Auct. E. W. Smith, Clerk.
86tf

Evaporated Sweet Corn.

15 cents per package; equal to two cans of corn when cooked, and finer in flavor. Dixon Grocery Co. 90 3

The cheapest place in town to buy all kinds of Rubbers and Overshoes is at Phil N. Marks', the Farmers' and Workingman's Friend Store.
82 5

A guessing contest is to begin on Dec. 15th at Paul G. Lord's wagon and carriage shops. Each dollar paid in entitles you to one guess. This may bring you a new buggy. Try it and be convinced. Accounts settled promptly gives you the same chance.
89 3

Estray.

From my place a short time ago, a black roan spring calf, weight about 300 lbs. Please notify me of its whereabouts. Oscar Cos.
90 2*

FOR SALE

For Sale. Cutter. Enquire at this office.
90tf

Wanted Two first class salesmen of men and then to become managers. good address, first to act as salesman and then to become manager. Call between 6 and 8 at Morrison hotel, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
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Wanted. Ladies or gentlemen; light employment; experience unnecessary; work in Dixon. Salary \$15 per week. Address E. B. Denison, Gen. Del., Dixon, Ill.
1*

FINAL CLOSING OUT SALE OF ALL OUR LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR SUITS.

Another and Final Cut in the remaining lots of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Suits makes it possible for you to secure the greatest bargains that have been offered in this section.

To close out these lots within the next few days, we are selling all the suits ranging in price from \$22.50 to \$35.00, at the extremely low price of..... **\$16.25**

All suits formerly sold from \$15.00 to \$19.50 will be closed out at.....

\$11.75



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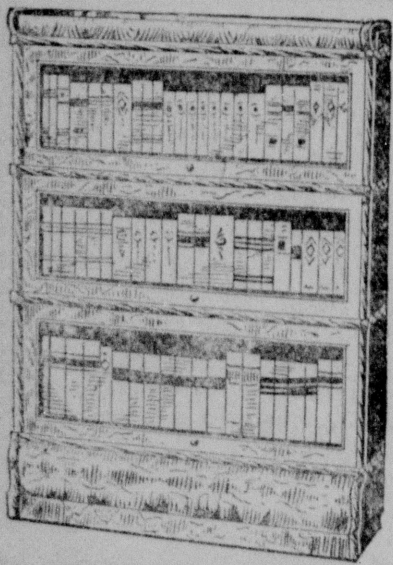
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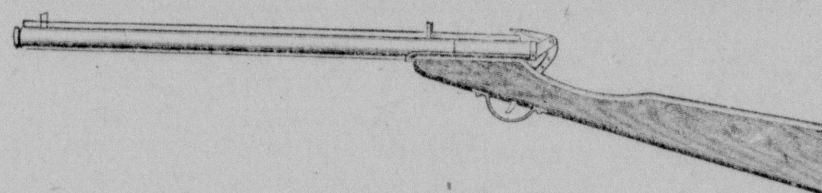
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